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Camden Vicinage Seeks Guardianship Monitoring Volunteers

The Camden Vicinage seeks volunteers to be part of a statewide initiative to monitor the well-being of incapacitated adults under court-authorized guardianships. Volunteers for the Guardianship Monitoring Program (GMP) will help ensure that these vulnerable members of society are treated with dignity and respect, enhancing court oversight and protection of incapacitated adults while also assisting guardians in their sometimes difficult role.

Supreme Court Chief Justice Stuart Rabner announced the program in January 2013, saying, “We need a host of volunteers to help ensure that individuals who cannot take care of themselves are not taken advantage of by others. Please step forward to help us achieve that noble aim.”

Volunteers will work approximately six to 12 hours per month in the Camden County Surrogate’s Office during business hours. Volunteers will help establish the statewide Guardianship Monitoring System database, verify that guardians comply with reporting requirements, review documents from guardians regarding the physical and/or financial well-being of incapacitated adults, and make informed recommendations to court staff and Probate Part judges.

GMP volunteers must be at least 18 years old and must agree to comply with the Code of Conduct for Judiciary Volunteers. They are asked to commit to serve for at least one year. Qualified candidates will be interviewed for details about their experience and background. Selected candidates will be fingerprinted and must satisfactorily pass a criminal history background check.

Interested candidates can access the volunteer application at www.njcourts.com/guardianship. The completed application should be submitted to the Hall of Justice, 101 South 5th Street – Suite 680, Camden, NJ 08103-4001, ATTN: Volunteer Services Liaison.

Questions can be sent to njguardianship.mailbox@judiciary.state.nj.us.

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