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Vicinage XV Seeks Guardianship Monitoring Volunteers in Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem Counties

Vicinage XV is seeking volunteers to serve in the Guardianship Monitoring Program. The New Jersey Judiciary Guardianship Monitoring Program (GMP) is a comprehensive statewide volunteer-based court program established to monitor guardians appointed to handle the affairs of incapacitated individuals. Monitoring and oversight of guardianships help identify, address, prevent, and deter activities that are harmful to incapacitated individuals.

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.”

Trained GMP volunteers use a statewide guardianship database and a report review tool to track and follow up on guardianship files. The volunteers’ work ensures that guardians comply with statutory and court-ordered requirements to file documents and reports and manage the affairs of incapacitated individuals effectively.

Volunteers will spend their allocated time working in the county surrogate’s office during business hours reviewing documents, performing data entry, and providing financial review of submissions by the guardians. Volunteers must be comfortable using computers. If providing assistance with financial reviews, volunteers should have some experience understanding legal and/or financial documents, with experience in accounting, budgeting, or finance. Training is provided for all volunteers including two days of classroom training and two days of hands-on training.

Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age and must agree to comply with the Judiciary Code of Conduct for Volunteers. Individuals will go through an interview process and fingerprinting and must satisfactorily pass a criminal history background check process.

Candidates who are interested in obtaining an application or have questions can contact Frank Bosco, Civil Division Manager at frank.bosco@judiciary.state.nj.us or 856-453-4331.

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