INFORMATION SHEET ON WAIVER OF SUPERIOR COURT FEES AND COSTS

If you have been sued or if you wish to sue someone, if you are filing or have received a family law petition, or if you are asking the court to appoint a guardian for a minor or a conservator for an adult or are an appointed guardian or conservator, and if you (or your ward or conservatee) cannot afford to pay court fees and costs, you may not have to pay them in order to go to court. If you (or your ward or conservatee) are getting public benefits, are a low-income person, or do not have enough income to pay for your (or his or her) household's basic needs and your court fees, you may ask the court to waive all or part of those fees.

- 1. To make a request to the court to waive your fees in superior court, complete the *Request to Waive Court Fees* (form FW-001) or, if you are petitioning for the appointment of a guardian or conservator or are an appointed guardian or conservator, complete the *Request to Waive Court Fees* (*Ward or Conservatee*) (form FW-001-GC). If you qualify, the court will waive all or part of its fees for the following:
 - Filing papers in superior court (other than for an appeal in a case with a value of over \$35,000)
 - Making and certifying copies
- Giving notice and certificates

• Sheriff's fee to give notice

- Sending papers to another court department
- Court fee for telephone hearing
- Reporter's fee for attendance at hearing or trial, if the court is not electronically recording the proceeding and you request that the court provide an official reporter (use form FW-020 to ask for a court reporter)
- Assessment for court investigations under Probate Code section 1513, 1826, or 1851
- Preparing, certifying, copying, and sending the clerk's transcript on appeal
- Holding in trust the deposit for a reporter's transcript on appeal under Cal. Rules of Court, rule 8.833 or 8.834
- Making a transcript or copy of an official electronic recording under Cal. Rules of Court, rule 8.835
- 2. You may ask the court to waive other court fees during your case in superior court as well. To do that, complete a Request to Waive Additional Court Fees (Superior Court) (form FW-002) or Request to Waive Additional Court Fees (Superior Court) (Ward or Conservatee) (form FW-002-GC). The court will consider waiving fees for items such as the following, or other court services you need for your case:
 - Jury fees and expenses

• Fees for a peace officer to testify in court

• Fees for court-appointed experts

• Court-appointed interpreter fees for a witness

- Other necessary court fees
- 3. If you want the Appellate Division of the Superior Court or the Court of Appeal to review an order or judgment against you and you want the court fees waived, ask for and follow the instructions on *Information Sheet on Waiver of Appellate Court Fees (Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, Appellate Division)* (form APP-015/FW-015-INFO).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

- You are signing your request under penalty of perjury. Answer truthfully, accurately, and completely.
- The court may ask you for information and evidence. You may be ordered to go to court to answer questions about your ability, or the ability of your ward or conservatee, to pay court fees and costs and to provide proof of eligibility. Any initial fee waiver you or your ward or conservatee are granted may be ended if you do not go to court when asked. You or your ward's or conservatee's estate may be ordered to repay amounts that were waived if the court finds you were not eligible for the fee waiver.
- Public benefits programs listed on the application form. In item 5 on the Request to Waive Court Fees (item 8 of the Request to Waive Court Fees (Ward or Conservatee)), there is a list of programs from which you (or your ward or conservatee) may be receiving benefits, listed by the abbreviations they are commonly known by. The full names of those programs can be found in Government Code section 68632(a), and are also listed here:
 - Medi-Cal
 - Food Stamps—California Food Assistance Program, CalFresh Program, or SNAP
 - SSP—State Supplemental Payment
 - Supp. Sec. Inc.—Supplemental Security Income (<u>not</u> Social Security) (*list continues on next page*)

- County Relief/Gen. Assist.—County Relief, General Relief (GR), or General Assistance (GA)
- IHSS—In-Home Supportive Services
- CalWORKs—California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids Act
- Tribal TANF—Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- CAPI—Cash Assistance Program for Aged, Blind, or Disabled Legal Immigrants
- WIC—Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children
- Unemployment—unemployment compensation
- If you receive a fee waiver, you must tell the court if there is a change in your finances, or the finances of your ward or conservatee. You must tell the court within five days if those finances improve or if you, or your ward or conservatee, become able to pay court fees or costs during this case. (File *Notice to Court of Improved Financial Situation or Settlement* (form FW-010) or *Notice to Court of Improved Financial Situation or Settlement (Ward or Conservatee)* (form FW-010-GC) with the court.) You may be ordered to repay any amounts that were waived after your eligibility, or the eligibility of your ward or conservatee, came to an end.
- If you receive a judgment or support order in a family law matter: You may be ordered to pay all or part of your waived fees and costs if the court finds your circumstances have changed so that you can afford to pay. You will have the opportunity to ask the court for a hearing if the court makes such a decision.
- If you win your case in the trial court: In most circumstances the other side will be ordered to pay your waived fees and costs to the court. The court will not enter a satisfaction of judgment until the court is paid. (This does not apply in unlawful detainer cases. Special rules apply in family law cases and in guardianships and conservatorships. (Gov. Code, § 68637(d), (e); Cal. Rules of Court, rule 7.5.).
- If you settle your civil case for \$10,000 or more: Any trial court-waived fees and costs must first be paid to the court out of the settlement. The court will have a lien on the settlement in the amount of the waived fees and costs. The court may refuse to dismiss the case until the lien is satisfied. A request to dismiss the case (use form CIV-110) must have a declaration under penalty of perjury that the waived fees and costs have been paid. Special rules apply to family law cases.
- The court can collect fees and costs due the court. If waived fees and costs are ordered paid to the trial court, or if you fail to make the payments over time, the court can start collection proceedings and add a \$25 fee plus any additional costs of collection to the other fees and costs owed to the court.
- The fee waiver ends. The fee waiver expires 60 days after the judgment, dismissal, or other final disposition of the case or earlier if a court finds that you or your ward or conservatee are not eligible for a fee waiver. If the case is a guardianship or conservatorship proceeding, see California Rules of Court, rule 7.5(k) for information on the final disposition of that matter.
- If you are in jail or state prison: Prisoners may be required to pay the full cost of the filing fee in the trial court but may be allowed to do so over time. See Government Code section 68635.
- If you want a record made of your court hearing or trial: There are various reasons why you may want a record of the hearing or trial. Among other reasons, you may want to have a record for an appeal if you disagree with a court order or judgment. If you receive a fee waiver and if the court is not electronically recording the proceeding, you may ask the court to have an official court reporter attend your hearing or trial at no cost to you, so there can be a record of the proceeding. You should use form FW-020 to make the request, which you should file at least 10 calendar days before a scheduled court date, or as soon as you can if the court date is set with less than 10-days' notice.

If you want a written transcript after the hearing or trial, you will need to pay the court reporter separately, or arrange to get the transcript in another way. To learn about ways to do that, talk with the court's Self Help Center or read the information about appeals on the self-help webpages at https://courts.ca.gov/selfhelp-appeals.htm.

Information Sheet on Waiver of Superior Court Fees and Costs

Request to Waive Court Fees FW-001-GC (Ward or Conservatee)

This form must be used by a guardian or conservator, or by a petitioner for the appointment of a guardian or conservator, to request a waiver of court fees in the guardianship or conservatorship court proceeding or in any other civil action in which the guardian or conservator represents the interests of the ward or conservatee as a plaintiff or defendant.

If the ward or conservatee (including a proposed ward or conservatee if a petition for appointment of a guardian or conservator has been filed but has not yet been decided by the court) directly receives public benefits or is supported by public benefits received by another for his or her support, is a low-income person, or does not have enough income to pay for his or her household's basic needs and the court fees, you may use this form to ask the court to waive the court fees. The court may order you to answer questions about the finances of the ward or conservatee. If the court waives the fees, the ward or conservatee, his or her estate, or someone with a duty to support the ward or conservatee, may still have to pay later if:

- You cannot give the court proof of the ward's or conservatee's eligibility,
- The ward's or conservatee's financial situation improves during this case, or
- You settle the civil case on behalf of the ward or conservate for \$10.000 or more. The trial court that waives fees will have a lien on any such settlement in the amount of the waived fees and costs. The court may also charge the ward or conservatee, or his or her estate, any collection costs.

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Your Lawyer (if you have one): Name:			
Firm or Affiliation:			
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a. The lawyer has agreed to advance all or a			

	b. (If yes, your lawyer must sign here.) Lawyer's signa	ature:			
	If your lawyer is not providing legal-aid type services based on your or the ward's or conservatee's low income, you may have to go to a hearing to explain why you are asking the court to waive the fees.				
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	Name:	Age and date of birth (ward only):			
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Street or mailing address: ______ State: ____ Zip: _____ Phone: Ward's or Conservatee's Lawyer, if any: Name: _____ State Bar No.: _____ Firm or Affiliation: ۸ ما ما ما م

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a. is is not a trustor or settlor of a trust.	
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All applicants who checked item 8b or item 8c on pa instructions for completion of items 14–16 or items 1	
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Date:	
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Name of (Proposed) Ward or Conservat	Case Number:				
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Total monthly expenses

(add 18a –18n above):

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in item 18 unless he or she is a parent of the ward or the

spouse or registered domestic partner of the conservatee.

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b.		The court denies your fee waiver request, as follows:					
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	(1)	The court denies your request because it is incomplete. You have this order (see date of service on next page) to:	ve 10 days after the clerk gives notice of				
		• Pay the ward's or conservatee's fees and costs, or					
		• File a new revised request that includes the items listed:	Below ☐ On Attachment 6b(1)				
	(2) [☐ The court denies your request because the information you provor conservatee is not eligible for the fee waiver for the reasons s☐ Below ☐ On Attachment 6b(2)	-				
		The court has enclosed a blank <i>Request for Hearing About Cour Conservatee</i>)(Superior Court) (form FW-006-GC). You have 1 order (see date of service on next page) to:					
		 Pay the fees and costs in full or the amount listed in c below, o Ask for a hearing in order to show the court more information <i>hearing.</i>) 					
c.	(1)[□ The court needs more information to decide whether to grant you date on page 3. The hearing will be about questions regarding you □ Below □ On Attachment 6c(1) 	-				
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Name of (Proposed) Ward or Conservatee:			Case Number:
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This is a Court Order.

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