



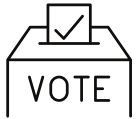
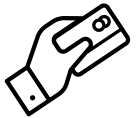
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Transfer of Rights

In Georgia, when a person turns 18, they are considered a legal adult. Adults have the right to: vote, marry, obtain a credit card, consent to medical treatments, make living arrangements, sign contracts, and more.

If a person will need support in their life decisions or financial management, there are several options available for families.



Options for Support:

Guardianship: *In order to be appointed an adult's guardian, you must petition the court.* The Probate Court may then appoint a guardian to make decisions regarding the person's health or safety.

Conservatorship: *In order to be appointed an adult's conservator, you must petition the court.* The Probate Court may then appoint a conservator to make financial decisions for the person.

Power of Attorney: The person signs a legal document that designates others to make some or all of their decisions, on their behalf, in certain circumstances.

Supported Decision Making: The person makes their own decisions, but they have a network of people they have chosen to help them make those decisions.

More Restrictive

Less Restrictive





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Guardianship, Conservatorship, Power of Attorney, and Supported Decision Making



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- [Guardianship vs. Conservatorship-English](#)
- [Guardianship vs. Conservatorship-Spanish](#)
- [Guardianship vs. Power of Attorney--English Only](#)
- [Kim Martin, Special Needs Law, YouTube Channel](#)

If you would like to connect with the Transition Resource Specialist that supports your school, please consult the Locations list on the Transition Services website:
<https://www.cobbk12.org/page/38587/special-education-transition-services>



Online Support

[Cobb County Government: Estates, Guardianship, Conservatorship Webpage](#)

Additional Information

- [P2P Roadmap](#)
- [P2P Financial & Legal Planning](#)
- [Guardianship Myths--English](#)
- [Guardianship Myths--Spanish](#)
- [Future Decisions--English](#)
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Forms

- [Petition for the Appointment of a Guardian and/or Conservator for a Proposed Ward](#)
- [Power of Attorney-Education Decision Making](#)
- [General Power of Attorney \(Financial\)](#)
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- [Georgia Advanced Directive for Healthcare](#)
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Flyers

Probate Clinic Flyers--Free 30 minute meeting with an attorney!

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