



CORYELL COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
THE STATE OF TEXAS

County Judge  
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**Memo Pertaining to Guardianship Proceedings in Coryell County**

*Barbara Simpson*  
COUNTY CLERK, CORYELL CO., TEXAS

The Honorable Barbara Simpson, Coryell County Clerk

Dear Mrs. Simpson:

*Please post this memo from the Eastland County Court in a prominent location in your office.*

RE: Estates Code 1054.201 Certification Required for Attorney Representing an Applicant in a Proposed Guardianship

**TO ANY ATTORNEY WISHING TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR A GUARDIANSHIP:**

Please be aware of a change in the Texas Estates Code that became effective on September 1, 2015. As of that date and in accordance with Estates Code 1054.201, all attorneys that represent applicants in a proposed guardianship must be certified by the State Bar of Texas as having completed a course of study in guardianship law and procedure. This certification requires that the attorney have four hours of credit. This requirement is the same as the certification process that an attorney ad litem must have before the Court can appoint them to represent the proposed ward.

Any attorney that files a guardianship application shall submit proof of their certification into the cause file. This proof must be filed before a hearing can be held on the proposed guardianship

If there are questions concerning this statutory requirement under Estates Code 1054.201, please contact my office.

Thank you

*John E. Firth*  
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Coryell County Judge