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SUPPLEMENT YOUR LEGAL PRACTICE WHILE PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF ADULTS UNDER GUARDIANSHIP

Apply for the Winter 2026 MHLG Guardianship Certification Training to become certified to represent these individuals!

The Mental Health Litigation Division (MHLG) of the Committee for Public Counsel Services (CPCS) is seeking passionate, effective attorneys who want to protect the rights and interests of adults subject to guardianship in Probate Court.

Individuals under guardianship experience substantial deprivation of liberty and court-imposed restrictions on their ability to make their own decisions about personal life issues, such as where to live and what medical treatment to accept or refuse. Guardianship attorneys safeguard a client's fundamental rights and dignity, help navigate the complex legal process, fight for the autonomy clients deserve, and ensure the client's voice is heard throughout the process.

- Explore a rewarding practice while advancing your litigation skills.
- Gain the satisfaction of providing zealous client-centered advocacy for some of the most disempowered individuals in the Commonwealth.

APPLY BY THE JANUARY 9, 2026, PRIORITY DEADLINE!

- Applications preferred by the deadline but accepted on a rolling basis until training is filled.
- All admitted applicants must attend the upcoming hybrid certification training, a mix of in-person and live Zoom sessions, self-directed learning, and a half-day mock hearing.
- Training & mock hearing dates between 2/3/26 - 3/20/26

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for our
December and January
information sessions

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WHAT ARE CPCS PRIVATE PANEL ATTORNEYS?

CPCS contracts with private attorneys to provide legal representation in Massachusetts for those unable to afford an attorney in all matters in which the law requires the appointment of counsel. This includes representation in criminal, delinquency, youthful offender, child welfare, mental health, sexually dangerous person and sex offender registry cases, as well as related appeals and post-conviction matters.

Through the use of private attorney panels, we provide excellent legal representation to each client by assuring all assigned attorneys have access to nationally recognized training and experienced mentors. Thus, our Private Panel Attorneys have the skills to meet our high-performance standards.

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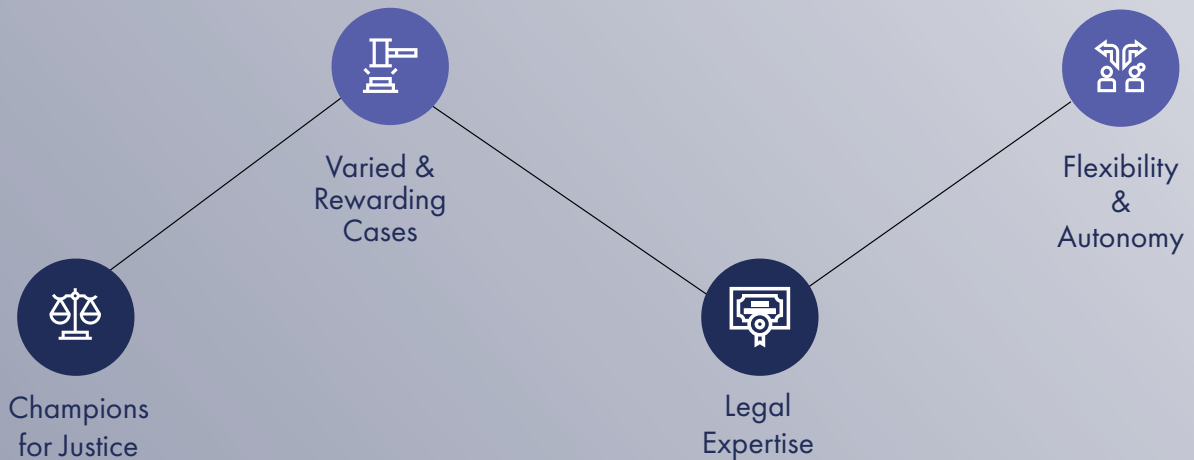
ARE YOU READY? _____

JOIN CPCS AND BE A PART OF THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE

Are you ready to be part of a team committed to justice? Visit our webpages to learn more about how to [apply](#) to become an attorney on the MHLT private panel or [training schedules](#). Scan the QR code for full panel certification details. If you have substantive questions about what it takes to be an MHLT panel attorney or this training, contact Beau Kealy, MHLT Training Director: bkealy@publiccounsel.net

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WHY CHOOSE CPCS?



The certification payment program rewards your commitment:

Attorneys accepted into this training are eligible to receive a certification payment of \$2,372.50 after successful completion of the certification training and meeting case and billing requirements within 18 months.

New members don't start alone—new panel members are assigned a seasoned mentor, ensuring ongoing guidance and support. Plus, resource attorneys are available for advice calls and technical assistance, so expertise is always within reach.

Compensation: MHLT Panel attorneys are paid \$75/hour for Guardianship matters until 8/1/26 and \$85/hour thereafter.

CPCS panel members may be eligible for significant loan forgiveness benefits after fulfilling certain requirements. Scan the QR code to learn more!

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