

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §44a-4-4

## §44A-4-4. Removal of guardian or conservator.

Upon the petition of any interested person or upon the motion of the court, the court may remove a guardian or conservator or order other appropriate relief if the guardian or conservator:

- (1) Is acting under an order entered pursuant to material misrepresentation or mistake, whether fraudulent or innocent;
- (2) Has an incapacity or illness, including substance abuse, which affects his or her fitness to perform or is adjudged to be a protected person in this or in any other jurisdiction;
- (3) Is convicted of a crime which reflects upon his or her fitness to perform;
- (4) Wastes or mismanages the estate, unreasonably withholds distributions or makes distributions in a negligent or reckless manner or otherwise abuses powers or fails to discharge duties;
- (5) Neglects the care and custody of the protected person or legal dependents;
- (6) Has an interest adverse to the faithful performance of duties such that there is a substantial risk that the guardian or conservator will fail to properly perform those duties;
- (7) Fails to file reports or accountings when required, or fails to comply with any court order;
- (8) Fails to file sufficient bond after being ordered by the court to do so;
- (9) Avoids service of process or notice;
- (10) Becomes incapable of performing duties; or
- (11) Is not acting in the best interests of the protected person or of the estate, with or without fault. The court may appoint a temporary guardian pending a determination on a petition for removal of a guardian or conservator.