

## You Want Me to Do What? The Roles of POAs, Guardians, and Executors

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## **Quick Reference Information**

If You are the Person Signing Legal Documents Naming a Fiduciary:

- Remember that person/entity designated must act in your best interest
- Always talk to the person(s) you want to designate before and after you sign your legal documents naming them; give them the chance to ask questions
- When you sign a General Durable Power of Attorney or Health Care Advance Directive, provide a copy to the person/entity designated
- Consult with an attorney about these roles and the options available there is no "one size fits all" legal document
- If You are the Person/Entity Named to Serve in a Legal Document as Fiduciary:
- Make sure you have a copy of the legal document naming you
- Consult with an attorney about your duties
- Retain legal counsel to represent you if you are acting as a Guardian or Personal Representative
- Keep good records of all actions you take
- Get Court approval as needed if Guardian or Personal Representative

## Additional Resources:

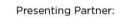
- Area 10 Agency on Aging <u>https://area10agency.org/</u> 812-876-3383
- Indiana Agencies on Aging <u>https://www.in.gov/fssa/da/area-agencies-on-aging/</u>
- National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, Attorney Directory by state <u>https://naela.org//</u>

## Health Care Decision Resources:

- Prepare for Your Care <u>https://prepareforyourcare.org/en/welcome</u>
- Five Wishes <u>https://fivewishes.org/</u>
- Respecting Choices <u>https://respectingchoices.org/</u>

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The Indiana Patient Preferences Coalition <a href="https://www.indianapost.org/">https://www.indianapost.org/</a>





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