	#1 - Does your County use the Hot Docs Forms?	#2 - Does your County use the Hot Docs Forms for the Medical Affidavits?	#3 - Do the Affidavits of the Physician and/or licensed psychologist have to be notarized?
Albany	Yes, and forms on Court website	Yes, and forms on Court website	All affidavits need to be notarized
Allegany	Yes, and State Forms	Yes, and State Forms	Yes
Bronx	Yes, but they compare them to their forms	Yes, but they compare them to their forms	Only the affidavits from the licensed psychologists must be notarized, they accept a physician's affirmation
Broome	No	No	Physicians can submit an Affirmation
Cattaraugus	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cayuga	We will accept Hot Docs Forms with an Attorney Certification pursuant to 207.4(b) of the Uniform Rules for Surrogate's Court attached.	I cannot recall any medical affidavits received on Hot Docs form.	Physican - No. Psychologist - Yes.
Chautauqua	Yes	Yes	Yes
Chemung	Not typically, but will accept them	Not typically, but will accept them. Court forms are usually used.	Affidavit - yes, affirmation - no.
Chenango	No	No	Physician - No (Affirmation). Psychologist - Yes.

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Clinton	We do not use Hot Docs. The attorneys use Hot Docs and we accept them for filing.	We do not use Hot Docs. The attorneys use Hot Docs and we accept them for filing.	The Affidavit of Physician needs to be notarized, the Affirmation does not.
Columbia	Will accept for filing	Will accept for filing	Yes and No
Cortland	Will accept for filing	Will accept for filing	Psychologist must be notarized, physician may affirm
Delaware	Yes	No	Yes
Dutchess	Yes	Yes	Just the psychologist's affidavit needs to be notarized. The physicians can be notarized or affirmed.
Erie	Yes	Yes	No
Essex	Yes	Yes	Affirmations do not, affidavits do.
Franklin	<Response Pending>	<Response Pending>	<Response Pending>
Fulton	Yes	Yes	No
Genesee	We accept Hot Docs for filing in our Court	We accept Hot Docs for filing in our Court.	Affidavits need to be notarized; affirmations do not.
Greene	No, official forms from the NYS Court website	No, official forms from the NYS Court website	Affidavits have to be notarized; affirmation does not have to be.
Hamilton	<No Response> No 17A's in 15 years clerk has been in office	<No Response>	<No Response>

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Herkimer	Use forms on the NYS website	Use forms on the NYS website	Per law
Jefferson	Yes	Yes	Only the affidavits from the licensed psychologists must be notarized
Kings (Brooklyn)	Unknown	Unknown	Only psychologist's affirmations have to be notarized
Lewis	The Hot Docs Forms are acceptable.	We would prefer our form.	Yes
Livingston	Yes	Yes	Yes
Madison	<No Response>	<No Response>	<No Response>
Monroe	Yes	Hard copies are sent to the doctors, who fill them out by hand, and return	No, referred to as "affirmations" and do not have to be notarized
Montgomery	Yes	Yes	Goes according to law
Nassau	Yes	Yes, but not required	Yes

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New York (Manh.)	Yes	Yes	Only psychologist's affirmations have to be notarized
Niagara	Yes, we accept them	Yes, we accept them, and have an additional affidavit for end of life	No
Oneida	We accept Hot Docs. We "use" official forms.	We accept Hot Docs. We "use" official forms.	The official forms require the psychologist's affidavit to be notarized, but not the physician's.
Onondaga	No	No	Yes
Ontario	Most of the time	Yes	One does, one does not
Orange	Yes, as long as they have the 207.4B document certification	Yes	Just the psycholgist's affidavit needs to be notarized
Orleans	Court accepts standard state forms	Court accepts standard state forms	Depends on form, addifavits - yes, affirmations - no
Oswego	Yes, when submitted	Yes, when submitted	No
Otsego	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Putnam	Yes	Yes	Just the psychologist's affidavit needs to be notarized
Queens	Yes	Yes, for medical affidavits	Physician can affirm, psychologist affidavits are to be notarized
Rensselaer	We do not use them, but accept them for filing.	We do not use them, but accept them for filing.	Affidavit needs to be notarized, affirmation does not.
Richmond (S.I.)	Yes, along with an attorney certification that the forms are the same	Yes, if using the proper forms per the court website.	Physician - No (Affirmation). Psychologist - Yes.
Rockland	We are allowed to submit on these forms but not all are used	Yes	Physican - No. Psychologist - Yes.
Saratoga	Accept them but prefer official forms	Accept them but prefer official forms	Physician - affirmation, licensed psychologist - affidavit
Schenectady	Prefer to use official forms	Prefer to use official forms	Notarization on affidavit, not affirmation
Schoharie	Yes, we accept them. We also use official state forms. Hot Docs need a UR 240.7b certification.	Yes, we accept them. Hot Docs need a UR 240.7b certification.	Definitely
Schuyler	We recommend the official forms which are available online	No, offical forms	Yes, the affidavit is required to be notarized, but the affirmation does not

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Seneca	We utilize the Uniform Forms for Surrogate's Courts. The court will accept hot docs if in compliance with uniform forms.	The court will accept hot docs if in compliance with uniform forms.	Physician affirmation - no. Psycholgoist affidavit - yes.
Steuben	No, but we accept them for filing	No but we accept them for filing	Yes
St. Lawrence	We, accept them as long as they comply with the official forms	We accept them as long as they comply with the official forms	Yes, if the form requires a notary
Suffolk	Yes, and OCA forms	Yes	Psychologist must be notarized, physician may affirm
Sullivan	Yes	Yes	Affidavit - yes, affirmation - no.
Tioga	Yes, official forms preferred	Yes, official forms preferred	Affidavit - yes, affirmation - no.
Tompkins	Hot Docs and official forms	If they contain all the information as the official form	Affidavit - yes, affirmation - no.
Ulster	Yes	Yes	Yes
Warren	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Washington	Yes, but check against Greenbook	Yes but prefer official forms	Affidavit - yes, affirmation - no.
Wayne	Most are pro se and done on official forms, would accept hot docs	Most are pro se on official forms, but would accept hot docs	affidavits do not have to be notarized
Westchester	Yes	Yes	Affidavit - yes, affirmation - no.
Wyoming	Yes	Yes	No
Yates	Court provides forms to attorneys if they want	Official froms	Yes

	#4 - What is the filing fee?	#5 - Does your County appoing a Guardian ad Litem when there are no assets to be managed by the Guardianship?	#6 - Does the County appoint a Guardian of the Person and Guardian of the Property even if there is no property to be managed?
Albany	$20 filing fee, $6 per certificate	Only as needed	Depends on relief sought in petition
Allegany	$20	Case by case	Yes
Bronx	$20	No	Person only
Broome	$20	No, unless the Court is in receipt of information from the background checks (OCFS Form 3909) that suggest a GAL is needed.	Yes
Cattaraugus	$20	Yes	Person only
Cayuga	$20	Yes	We prefer not to issue Guardianshipsif there is no property. If Guardian of the Property is issued, annual accountings are required whether there are funds or not.
Chautauqua	$20	No.	No
Chemung	$20	Not usually	Not typically, but the case may be required to return to court if circumstances change and the individual will be receiving property
Chenango	$20	No.	If requested with consent of bank form

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Clinton	$20	Mental Hygiene Legal Services acts as Guardian ad Litem in all 17A Guardianships even if there are no assets.	Yes, if the guardians request it.
Columbia	$20	Yes	No
Cortland	Set by statute	Case by case determination	We grant whatever the petitioner requests
Delaware	$20	Yes	Yes, if requested
Dutchess	$20	Yes	Generally the County appoints only a guardian of the person only, but the judge will ask at the hearing if there is any reason to appoint a guardian of property.
Erie	$20	No	If requested
Essex	$20	It depends, other factors would go into that determination	Sometimes, yes. Dependent on what is requested.
Franklin	<Response Pending>	<Response Pending>	<Response Pending>
Fulton	$20	None at all	Only if inheritance is expected
Genesee	$20	Appointment of a Guardian ad Litem is determined on a case-by-case basis	Yes, if the petition requests appointment of the property
Greene	$20 plus $6 if a certified copy of the Decree is required	Varies depending upon the particular circumstances of the petition (i.e. Is there an indicated report from the NYS Central Register?).	No
Hamilton	<No Response>	<No Response>	<No Response>

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Herkimer	$20	Case by case; judge's discretion	No; only person
Jefferson	$20 per proceeding, $6 for a certificate of appointment	Yes	Yes
Kings (Brooklyn)	$20	No	No
Lewis	$20	Yes	No
Livingston	$20	Yes	No
Madison	<No Response>	<No Response>	<No Response>
Monroe	$20, or $30 for modifications	Yes	It is one GAL appointed for the hearing, whether property or not
Montgomery	$20	Yes	Whatever is asked for in Petition
Nassau	$38 including the decree and letters of guardianship	No	Yes

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New York (Manh.)	$20	Only if needed, when issues arise at Judge's discretion	No
Niagara	$20, per statute	MHLS appointed as GAL for all individuals in an OMRDD facility	We recommend it so that Guardian has full authority to deal with SSA
Oneida	$20	A Guardian ad Litem or MHLS are appointed in all 17A guardianships whether there are assets or not	No. If there is no property, we only appoint a guardian of the person
Onondaga	$20	No	No
Ontario	$20	Yes, we appoint MHLS as GAL	If they request it, however we do discourage them from doing so
Orange	$20	No. GAL is appointed only where the is money or there is a bad report from OCFS	Just of the person
Orleans	$20	Yes, depending on case	Depends on request in petition
Oswego	$20	Not usually	No
Otsego	<No Response>	No	No

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Putnam	$20	Yes	Yes
Queens	$20	No GAL	No
Rensselaer	$20 for the petition, and $6 for certificates of appointment.	No	Yes
Richmond (S.I.)	$20	No, only if respondent is in a facility.	No
Rockland	As of Feb. 2009: $20 filing fee for Guardianship, $6 each for letters, $210 for SNT application	Yes, MHLS for those in OMRDD system, Pro Bono for the rest	So far, yes
Saratoga	$20 to file petition, $6 per cert. of letters	Appt. GAL if the respondent is not in a facility. If in private or state facility, MHLS.	Depends on request of petitioner
Schenectady	$20 for petition, $6 per certificate of letter	It depends on where person resides. MHLS if in private or state facility, GAL for person who resides at home	Depends on request of petitioner
Schoharie	$20 at time of submission	Yes. A GAL is appointed if the subject is not a resident of a facility, such as ARC. In that event, MHLS represents the subject.	No, guardian of person only.
Schuyler	$20	No	No

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Seneca	$20	Yes	Yes
Steuben	$20	MHLS serves as GAL	Sometimes depends on the circumstances, if property may come the ward's way in the future
St. Lawrence	$20	Yes	Yes
Suffolk	$20 for petition, $6 per certificate of letter	There is no GAL appointed because all accounts are joint with the clerk. If second proceeding is to establish and fund SNT a GAL will be appointed.	No
Sullivan	$20	Always	If petitioner requests, in such a case, annual accountings are required even if no assets
Tioga	$20 for petition, $6 per certificate of letter	No	Yes
Tompkins	$20	Case by case determination	It depends on what is asked for in the petition, if guardian of property appointed, accounting is required
Ulster	$20 for petition, $6 per certificate of letter	Yes, if MHLS is not involved	No
Warren	$20	Depends on circumstances	Depends on circumstances

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Washington	$20 for petition, $6 per certificate of letter	Yes, unless MHLS is a necessary party. If MHLS is, no GAL is appointed	Yes, if requested
Wayne	$20	Yes, in 17A proceedings only	Rare but wouldn't refuse, accounts are required for zero balance accounts
Westchester	$30	Mostly MHLS as GAL	Yes
Wyoming	<No Response>	No	Not unless requested
Yates	$20 for guardianship, $30 for modifications or revocations	Yes	Yes

	#7 - Does the Court hold a hearing in some, all or no uncontested cases?	#8 - Does the Court hold a hearing in some, all or no contested cases?	#9 - Does the Court appoint Mental Hygiene Legal Services in some, all or no cases?
Albany	All	All	MHLS is required to be served in certain cases (see SCPA 1753)
Allegany	All	All	Some
Bronx	In all cases, a hearing is held, and the person must appear	In all cases, a hearing will be held	Only if in a mental hygiene facility
Broome	Yes	Yes	The Court does not appoint Mental Hygiene in any case, but if the Ward resides in a facility, Mental Hygiene Legal Services is put on notice.
Cattaraugus	All	All	Some - When the Ward is in a facility licensed by OMRDD
Cayuga	We do not hold hearings on uncontested matters.	If the issues are not resolved on the return date of the citation, we will hold a hearing on all contested matters.	We do not appoint Mental Hygiene Legal Services.
Chautauqua	Yes	Yes	<No Response>
Chemung	Some	Some	In some. MHLS is always the GAL for individuals residing in a certified facility.
Chenango	Contested only	Contested only	No

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Clinton	Court hearing in all cases	Court hearing in all cases	All cases
Columbia	None	All	Some
Cortland	Case by case determination	Case by case determination	Case by case determination
Delaware	In all cases	In all cases	Some
Dutchess	All	All	Some - generally not for persons living at home
Erie	Yes	Yes	Yes
Essex	No hearing, but one court appearance.	Some, depends on natuire of contest	When individual resides in state facility
Franklin	<Response Pending>	<Response Pending>	<Response Pending>
Fulton	None	No	MHLS required in certain circumstances
Genesee	Determination is made on a case-by-case basis	Determination is made on a case-by-case basis	Determination is made on a case-by-case basis
Greene	All	All	Some (generally only if the respondent is in a facility).
Hamilton	<No Response>	<No Response>	<No Response>

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Herkimer	Yes	Yes	MHLS is required when IP is resident in group home or other state-run facility
Jefferson	We do not normally hold a hearing in an uncontested case	Some. If the parties cannot come to an agreement, we always hold a hearing.	The court rarely appoints MHLS. We are required to give MHLS notice when the respondent live in managed facility, such as an ARC.
Kings (Brooklyn)	Yes, albeit informal and modified	Unknown	Unknown
Lewis	No	All	Some
Livingston	No	All	All
Madison	<No Response>	<No Response>	<No Response>
Monroe	In all cases	In all cases	In all cases where the respondent/ward resides in a group home, otherwise, the GAL is a private practice attorney
Montgomery	All	All	MHLS is required in certain circumstances
Nassau	All	All	Notice must be given to MHLS that there is a… (incomplete response)

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New York (Manh.)	Yes, all with presence of ward required	All	If the ward resides at a facility, MHLS appears as required by statute. Otherwise, not appointed.
Niagara	All	All	MHLS appointed as GAL for all individuals in an OMRDD facility
Oneida	The Court follows SCPA 1754 in determining whether or not a hearing is required in all cases	The Court would hold a hearing in all contested cases	The Court appoints Mental Hygiene Legal Services if the ward is a resident of a mental hygiene facility
Onondaga	All	All	Some
Ontario	All	All	All
Orange	All	All	All
Orleans	Depends on case	Depends on case	Resident in facility, yes
Oswego	All	All	It depends
Otsego	Usually no hearing if uncontested	Always	All

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Putnam	Some	All	Some
Queens	Generally, if parents are seeking guardianship, no hearing. Court reviews each case to determine if hearing is needed.	Hearings are always held	MHLS only appointed if ward lives in a residence
Rensselaer	In contested proceedings only.	In contested proceedings only.	MHLS appears in cases where the respondent resides in a facility.
Richmond (S.I.)	All cases have been handled by a referee in simple and quick proceedings	All cases have been handled by a referee in simple and quick proceedings	Only if person resides in a group home or OMRDD residence
Rockland	Yes	Have not had one, but would assume yes	MHLS for those in OMRDD system
Saratoga	All	All	MHLS cited and file notice of appearance when ward is resident of facility overseen by MHLS
Schenectady	Citation return date is hearing; if no objections, will proceed even if noone appears	Citation return date is hearing; if specific objections are raise, second hearing will be held	Yes, when ward resides in Private or State facility
Schoharie	Depends on what the Surrogate wants, usually there is a hearing	Yes	If the subject is a resident of a facility.
Schuyler	All	All	When the ward is in an institution MHLS is always cited, and always appears

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Seneca	All	All	All
Steuben	Appearance is always held, hearings arent usually necessary	All	All
St. Lawrence	Not usually, but the guardian is required to appear with the ward	Case by case determination	If they can accept the appointment
Suffolk	If parents are not going to be appointed as guardians, a "judge-led" hearing is held. Judge and counsel can question.	Generally, if parents are seeking, no hearing. If successor guardian and no parents, hearing held. If parents divorced and one parent is seeking, hearing.	If respondent is in a facility
Sullivan	All	All	Only if ward lives in a MHLS facility
Tioga	No, citation return date only	All	Some
Tompkins	Some	Some	Some, case by case review
Ulster	All	All	MHLS if in MHLS facility
Warren	Yes	Yes	If in a state facility

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Washington	All	Yes	MHLS for those in OMR facility
Wayne	No	If the matter cannot be resolved, hearing	All
Westchester	Generally no	Even when GAL is appointed to review a SNT, court will generally not have a hearing, but hasn't come up	Mostly MHLS if little or insignificant funds
Wyoming	Yes	Yes (very few)	Some, where ward resides in DOH regulated facility
Yates	If necessary	If necessary	Yes, in some

	#10 - Are Guardians of the Person given authority to make end of life health decisions regardless of the diagnosis of MR or Developmental Disabilities?	#11 - Does the Court accept applications for Supplemental Needs Trusts?	#12 - Does the Court require Annual Accountings of Trustees of Supplemental Needs Trusts?
Albany	Only in cases of MR (See SCPA 1750-b)	Yes	Yes
Allegany	Usually	Yes	No
Bronx	Unless petition states otherwise	<No Response>	<No Response>
Broome	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cattaraugus	Yes, unless medical affidavit indicates the ward can make his/her own medical decisions	Yes	Yes
Cayuga	Yes, if the Physician and/or livensed Psychologist states that the Ward is not capable of making health care decisions including end of life decisions.	Yes	We have older ones that require accountings to be filed with the Court and Social Services. The newer ones don't require accountings to be filed.
Chautauqua	Yes	Unknown	Yes
Chemung	No. The authority is granted/not granted based on the content of the medical affidavits/affirmations.	Yes	Not always. The Court however is moving in the direction of requiring them consistently.
Chenango	Yes	Yes	If it is ordered in the decree

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Clinton	Yes	Yes	Yes, for first party SNT's
Columbia	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cortland	Case by case determination	Yes	If ordered
Delaware	No	Yes	Yes
Dutchess	This authority must be applied for an should be included in the order and petition.	Yes. The filing fee is $210	Yes
Erie	Depends on medical recommendations	Yes	Yes
Essex	Yes, assuming physicians deem it necessary	Yes	Not required previously, but are beginning
Franklin	<Response Pending>	<Response Pending>	<Response Pending>
Fulton	Yes	Yes	No - usually done outside of court
Genesee	Determination is made on a case-by-case basis	Yes	Not unless specified in the order
Greene	Restrictions placed pursuant to SCPA § 1750-b.	Yes	Yes
Hamilton	<No Response>	<No Response>	<No Response>

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Herkimer	Per 1750(b)	Yes	Yes
Jefferson	It depends on the situation	Yes	Yes
Kings (Brooklyn)	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Lewis	If the doctors' statements support it	Yes	Yes
Livingston	Yes	Yes	No
Madison	<No Response>	<No Response>	<No Response>
Monroe	Yes, but MHLS must also be called in where the ward resides in a group home	Yes	Yes
Montgomery	Must comply with 1750(b)	Yes	Yes, try
Nassau	Yes	Yes	Yes

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New York (Manh.)	At the hearing, the Judge will make that decision	Yes	No, they account to Social Services.
Niagara	Yes	Yes	Yes
Oneida	The Court follows 1750(a) and 1750(b) in giving end of life authority	Yes	Yes
Onondaga	No	Yes	Yes
Ontario	It's up to the Surrogate, but generally yes	Yes	They account to DSS, not the Court
Orange	Yes	Yes. The filing fee is $210	Yes and it has to be approved by DSS
Orleans	Depends on case	Current SNTs are testamentary SNT trusts, only have 2	Yes
Oswego	<No Response>	Yes	No
Otsego	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Putnam	Whatever is allowed for by law	Yes. The filing fee is $210	Yes
Queens	Authority is pursuant to SCPA 1750(b)	Yes, but proceedings are separate	Yes
Rensselaer	Yes	Yes	Yes
Richmond (S.I.)	Determined by Mental Hygiene Law (???)	Yes	? - Up to the Law Department
Rockland	Yes	Yes	Yes
Saratoga	No, depends on affidavits/affirmations; request of petitioner, GAL and/or MHLS report	Yes	Yes
Schenectady	Yes, unless the recommendation is contrary or if person is high-functioning and has opinion on it	Yes	Yes
Schoharie	Up to the Surrogate who reviews all of the records. Guardians are given that authority usually.	Yes	No
Schuyler	Yes	Yes, $210 filing fee	Yes

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Seneca	Case by case	Yes	No
Steuben	Yes if warranted and agreed to by the GAL	Yes	Yes, to DSS. If circumstances warrant, sometimes to the court
St. Lawrence	Yes, when required	Yes	Depends on the individual case
Suffolk	No, there must be a diagnosis of MR or similar condition (under DD). Court will not except medicals where Dr. checks both MR and DD, must choose.	Yes	Yes
Sullivan	Authority is pursuant to SCPA 1750(b)	Yes	Yes
Tioga	Yes, Court must be notified 48 hrs prior to decision	Yes, $210 filing fee	No
Tompkins	Authority is pursuant to SCPA 1750(b)	Yes	Depends on terms of the trust, but generally yes
Ulster	Yes	Yes	Yes
Warren	Depends on circumstances	Yes	Yes

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Washington	Not always, depends on functional level of ward	Yes, but uncommon	No
Wayne	Yes, if ward is unable	Yes	Most decrees order accounts to be filed with DSS
Westchester	Yes	Yes, a separate petition to fund SNT is required	Yes
Wyoming	Yes, if requested	Yes	Yes
Yates	Authority is pursuant to SCPA 1750(b)	Yes	Yes

	#13 - Does the Court have a provision to allow bonding in lieu of joint control for investments? Does this differ if there is an SNT?	#14 - Does the Court require approval of annual budgets for the Guardian of the Property? And for the Trustee of a Supplemental Needs Trust?	#15 - Does the Court prepare the Decree or does the attorney prepare the Decree?
Albany	No, No	Yes, Yes	In 17A guardianships, the Court prepares the decree
Allegany	<No Response>	<No Response>	Court
Bronx	Always joint control	Yes	If represented by an attorney, attorney prepares the decree. In pro se cases, the court prepares the decree.
Broome	The Court allows bonding in lieu of joint control for investments; for SNT's, the Court treats the trustee as a fiduciary and will not require bond unless the case mandates.	No. No.	The Court prepares the Decree.
Cattaraugus	Yes, No	No, withdrawals may only be made by court order from guiardianship accounts. Yes. SNT withdrawals may require court order.	Court prepares the decree for 17A appointments, attorney prepares the decree approving SNT.
Cayuga	Yes, but it is very rarely used.	No.	Both. The attorneys have prepared the Decrees in the past, however, its much easier for the Cts to prepare the Decrees. The attys prepare the Decrees for SNTs.
Chautauqua	Unknown	Unknown	Court
Chemung	Whenever there is a plan for investments, an additional process must be followed.	No, no	Court
Chenango	No, No	No	Court

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Clinton	Yes, we allow bonding in both instances	No	The Court prepares the Decree.
Columbia	No	No	Court
Cortland	Yes, No	If ordered	Determined case by case
Delaware	Yes, Yes	Yes	Court
Dutchess	Yes to the first question. If it is an SNT, the Court goes by what is in the trust.	If a guardian of the property is seeking to withdraw funds from the account by court order, then a budget is needed. No budget is required of a trustee of an SNT.	The attorney
Erie	Yes, No	Yes, depending on circumstances	Both
Essex	Haven't had the situation	17A - not "required" but entertained. SNT - not yet.	Court prepares
Franklin	<Response Pending>	<Response Pending>	<Response Pending>
Fulton	Never had a bond; joint control with bank	No	Court
Genesee	Yes, pursuant to statute	Withdrawals of guardianship funds by Court Order only. Annual accountings are required.	Decrees of appointment are typically prepared by the Court.
Greene	Yes, and for SNTs: depends on terms of the SNT	No	Proposed decree required
Hamilton	<No Response>	<No Response>	<No Response>

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Herkimer	Always joint control w/ Court	No	Court
Jefferson	Yes, although rarely used	Yes	The Court prepares the Decrees for 17A Guardianships.
Kings (Brooklyn)	Unknown	Unknown	Court prepares the decree
Lewis	No, no	No	Court
Livingston	Yes. This court has not received a request for bonding on an SNT.	Yes, No.	The Court mostly, but attorneys may prepare them.
Madison	<No Response>	<No Response>	<No Response>
Monroe	The Court requires that one of two banks only are permitted to be involved, and that is the safeguard	No	The Court prepares the decrees for all 17A matters
Montgomery	Occasionally, judge's discretion	No, No	Court
Nassau	No, still authorized	Yes	Court now prepares the decree

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New York (Manh.)	Yes, if there is an SNT, money goes to the trust.	Yes, to Social Services	The Court Law Department prepares it
Niagara	We have not allowed bonding, as it has never been requested, always joint control	No, specified orders are required and/or for SNT's, approval is required for expenditures above a specified dollar amount	We prepare the decree
Oneida	The court does not have a provision to allow bonding but follows SCPA 1708 in determining if a bond is required. Each SNT is reviewed to determine if a bond is required.	No. The Court reviews the annual accounting, but does not approve budgets.	The Court prepares the decree
Onondaga	Has not come up	No	Attorney
Ontario	No	No	The Court prepares 17A decrees. The attorney prepares SNT decrees.
Orange	Yes. If SNT, the court follows what is said in the trust	All guardianships require annual accounting. SNT trustees must provide annual accounting.	The Court
Orleans	Court will review requests	No	Either
Oswego	Yes, No	Yes for guardians, not necessarily for SNT trustees	Either/or
Otsego	Yes, No	No, No	Court

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Putnam	Yes, Unsure of second	Yes, Yes	The Court
Queens	Bonds are required if there is an investment. SNT's require a bond. The clerk didn't know if joint assets require bond and said it would be in the Surrogate's discretion.	No	Attorney
Rensselaer	Yes	No	Court prepares the Decree and Letters.
Richmond (S.I.)	? - Up to the Law Department	? - Up to the Law Department	Court prepares, unless unusual circumstances, and then the court will instruct attorney to prepare
Rockland	Yes, SNT Always bonding	Budget continues once approved, No: done as part of accounting and authority in trust	Court unless unusual
Saratoga	Yes, Yes no bond for SNT trustees	No, No	Court
Schenectady	Yes in case of guardianship. Generally, SNT trustees are not bonded, but in discretion of Judge and depending upon situation	No. Doesn't typically require an annual budget; relies on trustee.	Court in guardianship; attorneys prepare proposed decree in more complex or combined proceedings
Schoharie	Surrogate can require a bond if he wants	No, no	Court
Schuyler	Not usually, no	No	Court

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Seneca	No, No	No, no	Attorney
Steuben	Whatever SCPA 1708 allows, SNT - if allowed under Article 7.	Court requires approval of annual accountings for the guardian of the property, SNT - can	Attorney
St. Lawrence	The court sets up the accounts, no withdrawal without court order	Approval? No	Court
Suffolk	Court will allow bonding of guardian - then court issues letters with the bond - a Guardians Bond. If SNT, it will be a trustee bond.	No budgets for guardians of property. Ct permits guardians to petition for withdrawal of 12 mos of support, maintenance, and ed. No budget for SNT trustee, accountings reviewed annually and approval of use is in Ct's discretion.	Court prepares decree in 17A
Sullivan	Yes, the choices would be be joint control or bonding	Depends on funds and needs, as recommended by the GAL	Attorney, court (if pro-se)
Tioga	No	No, Yes	Court prepares the decree for 17A appointments, attorney prepares the decree approving SNT.
Tompkins	Depends on what relief is requested, generally joint control is required	Case by case review	Generally, court
Ulster	Yes for guardianship, for SNT judge discretion case by case	Normally, no. Out of the ordinary case, budget may be required.	Court
Warren	Yes, sometimes	Yes	Attorney

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Washington	Haven't had the situation, do not typically require bond of SNT trustee	No, no	Court, unless unique requests
Wayne	Yes but seldom used	No	Court prepares the decree for 17A appointments, attorney prepares the decree approving SNT.
Westchester	Yes, No, trustee of SNT is generally required to obtain bond	If funds held with joint control by the ct, no disbursements unless guardian obtains an order approving an annual budget. SNT trustees aren't req'd to submit an annual budget.	Attorney
Wyoming	Yes	No, no	Court
Yates	<No Response>	Annual accountings, withdrawals must get court permission by application and order signed by judge	Attorney, court (if pro-se)

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Albany	2 separate applications	Court reviews and examines all information submitted in a proceeding before making a determination
Allegany	Two	No
Bronx	No, two separate applications required	The physician and/or psychologist completes the form
Broome	The Court requires two applications, by the hearings are scheduled contemporaneously.	No
Cattaraugus	Two separate applications which could be heard on the same return date.	No
Cayuga	Two separate applications.	The decision is based on the recommendations of the physician/psychologist and the Guardian ad Litem.
Chautauqua	Unknown	Unknown
Chemung	Two separate applications that can be done contemporaneously	No. The Court relies on the info supplied by the Physician(s) and/or Psychologist.
Chenango	Separate	No, use medical professional's recommendation and diagnosis.

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Clinton	This would be two separate applications	No. The court relies on the doctor's diagnosis and the affirmation from Mental Hygiene Legal Services.
Columbia	<No Response>	No
Cortland	Two separate applications	No
Delaware	2 separate applications	No
Dutchess	They require two separate applications	No
Erie	Either way	No
Essex	Never had the issue presented	No, relying on physicians affidavits
Franklin	<Response Pending>	<Response Pending>
Fulton	One application	No
Genesee	Two separate applications are required; however, they may be submitted simultaneously.	No
Greene	Two separate applications required	No, test scores are only one factor considered
Hamilton	<No Response>	<No Response>

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Herkimer	Together	No
Jefferson	Our normal procedure is to have 2 separate applications. We would not be opposed to taking both at the same time.	The Court follows the recommendations of the psychologists and the physicians.
Kings (Brooklyn)	Unknown	Unknown
Lewis	We would require two separate applications.	No
Livingston	2 separate applications	No. The Court makes a determination based on the Dr.'s recommendation and MHLS reports.
Madison	<No Response>	<No Response>
Monroe	<No Response>	No. Simply a determination by the physician/psychologist that the condition is permanent and is a disability significant enough for a permanent guardianship
Montgomery	Yes	No
Nassau	Will do in one proceeding	Will look to all info contained in MD/PHD reports…

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New York (Manh.)	2 separate applications, each application submitted to different departments	No, Court considers all information in file and hax Court Attorney contact the prospective ward's Medicaid coordinator or social worker. Since presence of the ward is required, Court also makes its own functional assessment.
Niagara	Yes, separate application required	We take the documents filed in their totality
Oneida	Yes, but two separate fees are required. The request to approve the SNT may be prayed for in the petition for guardianship instead.	No, the Court reviews the medical affidavits in their entirety in making the determination.
Onondaga	Only if requested	No
Ontario	I havent seen this yet, however I would require two separate applications	No, MHLS reviews this
Orange	They require two separate applications	No
Orleans	Don’t get any applications for SNT's	Recommendation of Dr.'s, etc.
Oswego	It depends on what and when the petitioner/attorney presents the various petitions	Not for a conclusive determination
Otsego	Yes	Yes in the physician and psychologist affidavit

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Putnam	They require two separate applications	No
Queens	Two separate applications	Determination is left to the Surrogate
Rensselaer	2 Separate Applications	No.
Richmond (S.I.)	2 Separate Applications	No. Court relies on the expertise of the Dr.'s, detailed certifications required
Rockland	Separate, and under new surrogate to be heard separately	Rely on affidavits of the Doctors
Saratoga	2 separate applications	No
Schenectady	Yes	No. Dependent on physician affirmations and affidavits.
Schoharie	Two applications	No
Schuyler	Two applications	No

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Seneca	Must be 2 separate applications	No
Steuben	Separate applications	No, we rely on expertise of the physician and psychologist and the follow up by the GAL
St. Lawrence	Supplemental needs trust is a separate proceeding	No
Suffolk	Two proceedings. First, guardianship of person and property appointment, then miscellaneous petition to establish and fund SNT.	No, looks only at Dr's certifications in the med affidavit.
Sullivan	Yes, two sets of papers however. One GAL in both proceedings	Reliance on med forms
Tioga	Two separate applications	No
Tompkins	Case by case review	Reliance on physician certifications and MHLS reports (if involved)
Ulster	Two separate applications	No
Warren	Two separate applications	Yes

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Washington	Haven't had it come up, but probably would accept a combined petition	Rely on submission of GAL, MHLS, and med authorizations/affidavits
Wayne	Two separate applications	Made based on recommendation of the physicians/psychologist and GAL report
Westchester	Two separate applications, but can be submitted at the same time	If IQ below 60, ct will grant guardian. If 60+, med aff's should note tests showing behavioral deficits. Aff's should desribe AIP's functional capacity and need for guardian.
Wyoming	2 separate applications	No, case by case review
Yates	2 separate applications	Doctor's discretion