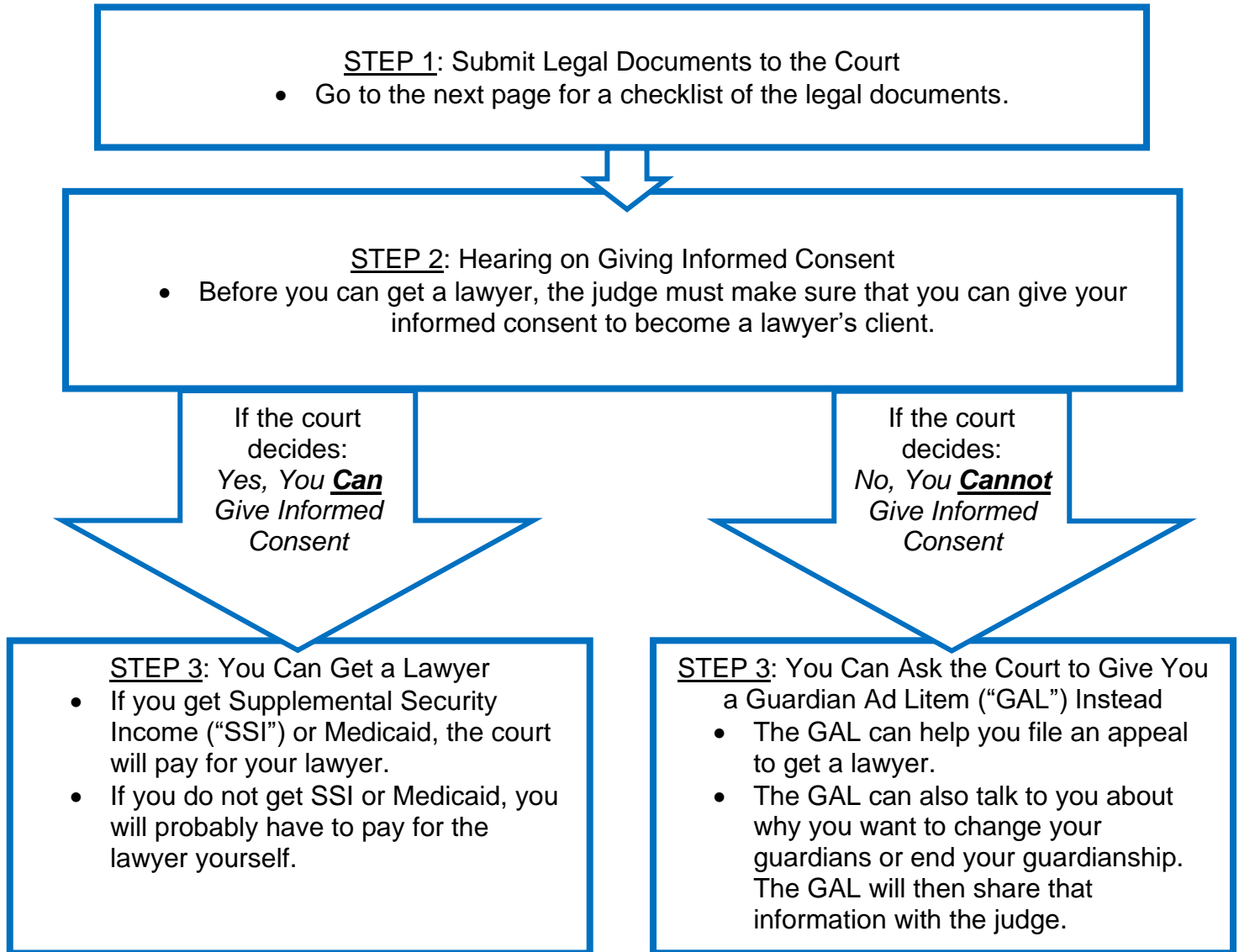


How to Change Your Guardian(s) or End Your Guardianship

In Colorado, **you have a right to a lawyer to help you change your guardian(s) or end your guardianship.** Below is a flow chart that moves through the legal process of how you can access a lawyer.



Sources: COLO. REV. STAT. § 15-14-319(1) (West 2022) (effective Aug. 10, 2016); *Milstein v. Ayers*, 955 P.2d 78, 80-81 (Colo. App. 1998).

Checklist of legal documents that must be submitted to the court for **STEP 1**:

- JDF 852**, Petition for Termination of Guardianship – Adult:
<https://www.coloradojudicial.gov/self-help-and-forms/self-help-forms/petition-termination-guardianship-adult>
 - Fill this form out and attach any additional information that helps explain to the court why you no longer need a guardian.
 - You must mail or hand-deliver a copy of **JDF 852** Petition for Termination of Guardianship - Adult (and attached information) to all interested persons in the case.
 - After mailing or hand-delivering a copy of **JDF 852** Petition for Termination of Guardianship - Adult, fill out the Certificate of Service part of the form.
- JDF 854** Order for Termination of Guardianship – Adult:
<https://www.coloradojudicial.gov/self-help-and-forms/self-help-forms/order-termination-guardianship-adult>
 - Fill out the top "caption" part of this form and the court will fill out the rest.
- JDF 711** Notice of Hearing: <https://www.coloradojudicial.gov/self-help-and-forms/self-help-forms/notice-hearing-probate>.
 - Give notice of the hearing date and time to all interested persons by mailing or hand-delivering a copy of this form. Fill out the Certificate of Service part of the form before you file it with the court.

Filing Steps:

- File **JDF 852** and **JDF 854** with the court.
- Contact the court about getting a date for a hearing.
- Give notice of the hearing to all interested parties. Fill the Certificate of Service portion of **JDF 711** and file this form with the court too.
- There is no filing fee, and the form includes an option to request the appointment of an attorney or Guardian ad Litem (GAL).

****This full checklist and information can also be found on the Colorado Judicial Branch's website: <https://www.coloradojudicial.gov/self-help/ending-guardianship>.****

Support for Completing this Checklist

Colorado Judicial Districts' Self-Help Centers:

Every court has a self-help center for people who do not have lawyers. You can contact your court's self-help center and ask questions about the JDF forms. You can also ask the self-help center for your guardianship case number. Here is the list of self-help centers:

<https://www.coloradojudicial.gov/sites/default/files/2024-07/Sherlock>Contact List for Public.pdf>.

Colorado Judicial Districts' ADA Coordinators:

Every court also has an ADA coordinator who you can ask for reasonable accommodations for completing these forms. Here is the list of ADA coordinators:

<https://www.coloradojudicial.gov/ada-coordinators>.

If your court's self-help center or ADA coordinator will not help you, contact Disability Law Colorado at 303-722-0300. We might be able to support you in completing these forms, and we want to track which courts are not providing support.