

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

IN THE MATTER OF:

\_\_\_\_\_,  
an alleged incapacitated individual.

\_\_\_\_\_,  
vs. Petitioner(s)

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Respondent(s)

IN THE PROBATE COURT  
CASE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_-GC-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_

### ORDER APPOINTING EXAMINER

GUARDIANSHIP

CONSERVATORSHIP

PROTECTIVE PROCEEDING

Upon reading the Petition in the above matter, the Court hereby appoints \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) who  
Examiner (Credentials)  
shall provide the Court with an opinion of the alleged incapacitated<sup>1</sup> individual's abilities and limitations. The examiner shall report to this Court his/her findings as to the alleged incapacitated individual's mental condition, utilizing the examiner's guidelines as established by the Court, and provide an opinion as to whether the above captioned individual is incapacitated and would benefit from the appointment of a guardian<sup>2</sup> or conservator.<sup>3</sup>

### IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Chadwicke L. Groover, Probate Court Judge  
Caroline M. Horlbeck, Associate Probate Court Judge  
Elizabeth P. Wiygul, Associate Probate Court Judge

Executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, South Carolina

1. "Incapacity" means the inability to effectively receive, evaluate, and respond to information or make or communicate decisions such that a person, even with appropriate, reasonably available support and assistance cannot:

a) meet the essential requirements for his/her physical health, safety, or self-care, necessitating the need for a guardian or;

b) manage his/her property or financial affairs or provide for his support of for the support of his legal dependents, necessitating the need for a protective order.

2. A "guardian" means a person appointed by the Court as a legal guardian for an adult, but excludes one who is a guardian *ad litem*. A guardian shall make decisions regarding the incapacitated individual's health, education, maintenance, and support.

3. A "conservator" means a person appointed by the Court to manage the estate of an incapacitated individual.