

## Procedures for Filing a PPO through a Next Friend

- 1) To determine if the petitioner needs a Next Friend, ask the following:
  - a) Is the petitioner a minor under 18 years old or a legally incapacitated person?
    1. If yes, the petitioner may proceed through a Next Friend  
  
NOTE: Unless the Court determines appointment is necessary, the Next Friend may act on behalf of the minor or legally incapacitated person without appointment.
    2. If no, the petitioner does not need a Next Friend.
  - b) Is the Petitioner a minor, less than 14 years old?
    1. If yes, then the Court shall appoint a Next Friend.
    2. If no, see if above applies.
- 2) The Petitioner must certify that the Next Friend is not disqualified by statute and is an adult.
- 3) The Next Friend is not responsible for the costs of the action.
- 4) How to fill out forms:
  - a) If Appointment was necessary, the Next Friend would fill out the “Third Party Motion for Appointment of Next Friend”, “Written Consent to Appointment as Next Friend”, and “Order Appointing Next Friend”.
  - b) If Appointment was permissible, the Petitioner would fill out the “Petitioner’s Motion for Appointment of Next Friend” and the “Order Appointing Next Friend”. The Next Friend would fill out the “Written Consent to Appointment as Next Friend.”
  - c) The Petition may be drafted by stating “minor’s or incapacitated person’s name” by his/her Next Friend, “Next Friend’s name”.  
  
Example: “Jane Minor by Next Friend, Jane Adult”
  - d) The Next Friend would then fill out the Petition for PPO and sign it on behalf of the Petitioner.

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
IN THE FAMILY DIVISION OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
FOR THE COUNTY OF

Petitioner,

Case No. 13 - - PP

v.

Hon. \_\_\_\_\_

Respondent.

**PETITIONER'S MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF NEXT FRIEND**

Now comes Petitioner, \_\_\_\_\_, and moves this Honorable Court for entry of an order appointing a Next Friend pursuant to Michigan Court Rule 3.73 (F) and states as follows:

1. Petitioner is:

a minor child, as least 14 years old and under 18 years old

a minor child, less than 14 years old

a legally incapacitated person

2. Petitioner nominates \_\_\_\_\_ as the Next Friend.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ has consented to appointment as stated in the attached affidavit.

4. Petitioner certifies that the proposed Next Friend is not disqualified by statute and is an adult.

WHEREFORE Petitioner respectfully requests that this Court enter an Order appointing \_\_\_\_\_ as Petitioner's Next Friend for purposes of this action.

I declare that the statements made above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Petitioner

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
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FOR THE COUNTY OF

Petitioner, Case No. 13 - - PP

v. Hon. \_\_\_\_\_

Respondent.

**THIRD PARTY MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF NEXT FRIEND**

Now comes \_\_\_\_\_ a third party, and moves this Honorable Court for entry of an order appointing a Next Friend pursuant to Michigan Court Rule 3.73 (F) and states as follows:

1. Petitioner is:  
 a minor child, as least 14 years old and under 18 years old  
 a minor child, less than 14 years old  
 a legally incapacitated person
2. Petitioner nominates \_\_\_\_\_ as the Next Friend.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ has consented to appointment as stated in the attached affidavit.
4. Petitioner certifies that the proposed Next Friend is not disqualified by statute and is an adult.

WHEREFORE Petitioner, by and through the Third Party, respectfully requests that this Court enter an Order appointing \_\_\_\_\_ as Petitioner's Next Friend for purposes of this action.

I declare that the statements made above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Third Party

**WRITTEN CONSENT TO APPOINTMENT AS NEXT FRIEND**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, HEREBY CONSENT TO APPOINTMENT  
AS THE NEXT FRIEND OF \_\_\_\_\_, A MINOR CHILD OR  
LEGALLY INCAPACITATED PERSON, FOR PURPOSES OF BRINGING A PERSONAL  
PROTECTION ORDER ACTION.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINTED NAME OF NEXT FRIEND

Next Friend – Please state your relationship with the Petitioner: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
IN THE FAMILY DIVISION OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
FOR THE COUNTY OF

Petitioner,

Case No. 12 - - PP

v.

Hon. \_\_\_\_\_

Respondent.

**ORDER APPOINTING NEXT FRIEND**

**At a session of this Court held at**

**the \_\_\_\_\_ County Courthouse in**

**\_\_\_\_\_, Michigan on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.**

**Present: Honorable: \_\_\_\_\_**

A Motion was filed for the appointment of a Next Friend, pursuant to Michigan Court Rule 3.703 (F).

The Court, having reviewed the motion, and having been fully informed in the premises;

NOW HEREBY ORDERS THAT \_\_\_\_\_ IS APPOINTED AS  
NEXT FRIEND FOR PETITIONER, \_\_\_\_\_,

A MINOR CHILD OR LEGALLY INCAPACITATED PERSON, FOR PURPOSES OF  
PETITIONER'S PERSONAL PROTECTION ORDER ACTION.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Hon. \_\_\_\_\_

Family Division Judge