

Good afternoon,

I just wanted to take a minute to reflect on the proposed Probate Court budget cut. I do most of my work in the Probate court and I can not simply imagine our society without the services of the Probate Court. I first do numerous conservatorships for individuals that are not capable of managing their daily affairs, either medical and/or financial. Many of these individuals do not have family or friends to help them out. Without the assistance of a conservator many of their needs would not be met and would be exploited by other unscrupulous individuals. Also without these services you will have a higher inpatient rate admission to medical facilities due to these individuals breaking down and ending up in the hospital. In addition to the numerous conservatorships I do I also do a lot of court appointed attorney work. This is also invaluable because first it is a constitutional right to be represented by counsel if you can't afford representation. Second the "playing field" in court would come down to one of my biggest fears which is that your day in court depends on how much money you have in your pocket. Third a lot of these clients are younger children which are not able to advocate for themselves and what is in their best interests. Please carefully consider the extreme detriment eliminating the Probate court would have on society. Thank you!

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