

FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT
ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION
NOTICE

The Philadelphia Orphans' Court has approved utilization of Written Depositions pursuant to 20 Pa.C.S. § 5518 in lieu of live medical testimony.

The Written Deposition will satisfy the statutory requirement of medical testimony to prove incapacity, in lieu of live medical testimony. The form will be appropriate only when the issue of incapacity is uncontested, and the Court retains discretion to require live testimony in emergency guardianship proceedings and for other reasons.

The Court-approved Written Deposition form is posted on the First Judicial District's website at <http://courts.phila.gov/pdf/forms/orphans/incdep.pdf>.

Honorable Joseph D. O'Keefe
Administrative Judge,
Orphans' Court Division