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Traci,

I was signing an order today on PC638a. Under 9. there is an interior check box that looks like this:

The guardian is discharged. The matter is closed not closed.

Here's my problem. The closing of a file and the discharge of a guardian are two different things. By discharging a guardian, the court indicates that the guardian has performed all of his/her responsibilities (compared discharge of conservators); closing the file does just that.

Guardians, unlike conservators, rarely petition for discharge. Hence, it seems strange that on the current form (and other forms may well be implicated) one cannot show that the case is closed or not closed without discharging the guardian.

Perhaps we can discuss this at the September meeting.

George