MINOR GUARDIANSHIP - *A brief overview of the process*

Due to COVID-19, all hearings are being done by phone or video and most offices are only providing remote services.
You should consult the King County Superior Court webpage for the most up to date information.
https://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/superior-court.aspx.

Steps encountered in all cases.

Possible hearings.

Issues

Step 1:
File Minor Guardianship Petition (GDN M 102), Declaration (GDN M 103), Summons (GDN M 001).

Step 2: File Notice of Hearing (GDN M 101). Hearings are in the Ex Parte Department at 10:30

File a Petition/Order re Security Checks (GDN M 404/405)
EPVC

Step 3: Serve Summons (GDN M 001), Petition, Statement and Notice.
RCW 11.130.195(1)(a)

Some parties may be served by mail. Review GDN M 101. Mail Notice & Petition RCW 11.130.095(1)(b)

Should certain information not be served on the minor?

File a Motion to Limit Notice (GDN M 106/107) EPVC

Review Case Schedule
Case Schedule issued: 60-day review hearing in Ex Parte.

60 Day Review Hearing

EX PARTE

Parties may also set hearings on their own prior to this date if there are issues to be resolved or the matter is proceeding by

Is there a need for appointment of: 1) a visitor, 2) attorney for the minor; 3) attorney for parent; 4) Guardian ad Litem?
If So See Motions Flow Chart

Are there issues in dispute or other issues which should be resolved at trial?

YES

Ex Parte issues order setting hearing on assigned Judge's 11:00 am Friday calendar for trial setting

Hearing on Assigned Judge's UGA Calendar (FRI @ 11AM) to set Trial Date.
ASSIGNED JUDGE

TRIAL

ASSIGNED JUDGE

NO

FINAL HEARING

(GDN M 105)

EX PARTE

HAVE ALL REQUIREMENT BEEN MET?

YES

NO

Additional hearing set to resolve remaining requirements
EX PARTE