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**PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT ANNOUNCES NEW PETITION  
FOR APPROVAL OF ENTERTAINMENT CONTRACTS FOR MINORS**

BOSTON, April 2, 2008 - The Probate and Family Court announces a new Petition for Approval of an Entertainment Contract for a Minor and Appointment of a Limited Guardian (CJ-P 123).

The petition reflects all of the information necessary for petitioner (usually a parent) to seek court approval of an entertainment contract involving a minor and, appointment of a limited guardian to oversee the child's income from the contract. The contract is to be scrutinized by the Court to ensure the terms are fair and reasonable by industry standards.

Once approved, the contract between the minor and the contracting entity is binding, as if signed by an adult. After the contract is deemed acceptable, revocation of the court's approval may be sought only if the Court finds that the child is being harmed as a result of the contractual relationship.

The limited guardian appointed by the court must prepare and present annual accountings of the child's income and the plans for preservation of the funds until the income and any accrued interest are released to the minor upon his/her eighteenth birthday.

Previously, only prototype forms were available for these proceedings. An increase in the number of professional entertainment opportunities for talented children in Massachusetts provided the impetus for formalization of these required court pleadings.

If you have questions, please contact Attorney Jocelyne Welsh at the Administrative Office of the Probate and Family Court Department.