

The Unique Role of the Guardian in Inpatient Psychiatric Care

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Douglas K. Stern, Partner in the Mental Health Law practice at Abrams Fensterman, [developed a resource](#) relevant for guardianship practitioners working with incapacitated persons in guardianship court. Stern and Rosen discuss how the Article 81 guardian role is unique and nuanced when the ward is admitted for inpatient psychiatric care. In their analysis, they also provide insight into Mental Hygiene Law Article 9, and the steps that a guardian can take to gain insight into the incapacitated person's history of mental illness and manage their ward in a hospital and court setting.

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