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Center for Guardianship Certification to Unveil Designation Name Change

Designation Name Change to Occur in October 2008

HARRISBURG, PA- In October 2008, the Center for Guardianship Certification (CGC) will be updating the name of the current certification designations, Registered Guardian and Master Guardian, to National Certified Guardian (NCG) and National Master Guardian (NMG) respectively.

The CGC Board of Directors made this decision in order to provide clarification for certified guardians and fiduciaries, as well as the court systems, judges, and individuals who employ them. In addition, CGC currently provides state specific examinations for the states of California, Florida, Oregon and Texas, as well as national examinations. "State-mandated certification programs are becoming an increasing trend and the Center for Guardianship Certification needed to find a way to better clarify that the certifications received through CGC are national designations," stated Executive Director, Denise Calabrese.

Another reason that the Board voted to change the name of the national certification designations was to clarify that the current Registered Guardian and Master Guardian designations signify more than a registration process. CGC conducts national examinations that require experience and a set of skills to pass. In addition, to remain certified individuals must attend continuing education courses.

The image change is just one attempt to brand the certification process and the organization. CGC will continue to promote a high professional standard by certifying guardians and fiduciaries nationally.

CGC was founded in 1997 by the National Guardianship Association and is headquartered in Harrisburg, PA. CGC has over 1,300 Registered Guardians and over 40 Master Guardians. For more information about national guardianship certification or to find a guardian, conservator or fiduciary in your area, please visit www.guardianshipcert.org.

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