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GUARDIANSHIP/CONSERVATORSHIP NATIONAL INVESTIGATOR TRAINING PROGRAM

Washington, DC
October 17 – 20, 2026

This program is presented in conjunction with the National Conference on Guardianship.

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PROTECTING PERSONS SERVED BY STATE GUARDIANSHIP/CONSERVATORSHIP SYSTEMS

NGA is proud to announce the fourth year of its certificate program, designed and intended to build upon participants' expertise with guardianship oversight and accountability standards. This is specialized training for guardianship and conservatorship investigators, auditors, monitors, and reviewers with any local, state or federal role, including law enforcement and adult protection services. Over this four-day training program, 100 core competencies for auditing and investigating guardianship and conservatorship proceedings will be discussed and explained. Join subject-matter experts Anthony Palmieri, Brett Hood, Mark Anderson, Andrew Thurman, and more as they discuss steps and techniques to better protect vulnerable and incapacitated persons in court adjudicated guardianship and conservatorship proceedings.

Participants will:

- Learn the steps for investigating, documenting, and reporting guardianship complaints
- Identify common and uncommon red flags that warrant a deeper assessment
- Practice interview skills for uncovering the truth
- Review best practices for auditing and accounting
- Apply NGA Ethical Principles to case studies to determine appropriate resolutions

To apply to participate in this program, visit www.guardianship.org/national-investigator-training-application/

Class size is limited, so participants should register early. Only applicants working in the professions named below will be admitted. The number of CEUs is tentative depending on the granting agency's final approval.

In order to be awarded the full credit hours, participants must be present, registering attendance and departure on the attendance sheets at the desk with the session monitors. NIT participants may only attend NIT training sessions. Registration does not include National Conference on Guardianship training sessions.

Participants have the potential to earn 24.0 CPE credits.

Field of Study: Specialized knowledge (18.5 CPE credits)
Accounting (2.0 CPE credit)
Auditing (3.5 CPE credits)

Prerequisites: None

Who Should Attend: Guardianship and conservatorship auditors, investigators, reviewers, monitors, court visitors, law enforcement officers, adult protection investigators, prosecutorial investigators. Individuals working in other roles are welcome to apply.

Advanced Preparation: None

Program Level: Basic and Intermediate

Delivery Method: Group Live

Refunds and Cancellations: Requests for refunds must be received in writing prior to September 25, 2026. No refunds will be granted after September 25, 2026. For more information regarding refunds, concerns, and/or program cancellation policies, please contact NGA at 877-326-5992.

EVENT SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

7:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration Area Open | Breakfast on Your Own
8:30 am – 8:45 am	**250 Years + 38 + Class 004: Kicking Off the Oversight Revolution** NGA Past President Anthony Palmieri, JD, CFE, CIG, CIGI, CIGA, CIA, CCSA NIT Founder and Lead Instructor
8:45 am – 9:45 am	**Navigating the Guardianship Maze: Protecting the Person, Securing Justice, and Restoring Integrity** Anthony Palmieri
9:45 am – 4:05 pm	**Full Day Presentation** Bret Hood, MBA, CFE; Retired Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation; Former Instructor FBI Academy; Adjunct Professor, University of Virginia, NIT Master Instructor
9:45 am – 10:40 pm	*Effortless Excuses: How Rationalization Allows You to Justify Fraud and the Unethical*
10:40 am – 10:55 am	**Break**
10:55 am – 11:55 pm	*Making Better Investigative Decisions: Recognizing and Overcoming Blind Spots (Part 1)*
11:55 pm – 1:00 pm	**Lunch on Your Own**
1:00 pm – 1:55 pm	*Making Better Investigative Decisions: Recognizing and Overcoming Blind Spots (Part 2)*
1:55 pm – 2:50 pm	*An Inconvenient Blindness: Investigating Corruption and Conflicts of Interest*
2:50 pm – 3:10 pm	**Break**
3:10 pm – 4:05 pm	*Interactive Case Study*
4:15 pm – 5:00 pm	**NIT Olympic Games** Get to know your fellow program participants and win prizes!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

7:00 am – 8:00 am	**Breakfast with NGA Conference Participants**
8:00 am – 8:15 am	**Welcome to NGA: More than a Membership, it's Your Toolkit** NGA President-Elect Tracey Bowles, MA, MFT, CPM, NCG, Class 001 & Class 002 Instructor
8:15 am – 11:35 am	**Presentation** Andrew Thurman, CPA, CFE, CIGI, CIGA, CECFE NIT Organizing Committee, Class 001 Alumnus, Special Agent, IRS-CI, NIT Master Instructor
8:15 am – 9:10 am	*Basics of Accounting: The Language of Exploitation*
9:10 am –10:05 am	*The Audit Framework: Building the Case*
10:05 am – 10:20 am	**Break**
10:20 am – 11:35 am	*Florida: Profit Over Protection*
11:35 am – 12:30 pm	**Networking Lunch with NGA Conference Participants and Dessert with Exhibitors**
12:30 pm – 2:20 pm	**Texas: Lone Star Lies & Wolves in the Ring** Nurenia Spencer, Class 001 and Class 003 Alumnus Daniel Chavez, LMSW, Class 001 Alumnus, Class 003 Instructor
2:20 pm – 2:35 pm	**Break with Exhibitors**
2:35 pm – 3:30 pm	**Arizona: Unmasking the Mirage** Margaret Taylor, Class 003 Alumnus Vinay Singh, Class 003 Alumnus
3:30 – 4:25 pm	**Washington: Evergreen Exploitation** Rhonda Scott, Class 001 Alumnus

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

7:00 am – 7:45 am	**Breakfast with NGA Conference Participants**
7:55 am – 8:15 am	**NIT Class 004 Photo**
8:15 am – 8:25 am	**Ethics Over Influence: The NGA Professional Compass** Michelle Poss, Esq., NGA Board of Directors
8:25 am – 4:25 pm	**Full Day Presentation** Mark Anderson, Special Agent US DOJ OIG (Retired), FLETC Instructor, NIT Master Instructor
8:25 am – 9:20 am	*Effective Investigative Mindset*
9:20 am – 9:35 am	**Break**
9:35 am – 10:50 am	*Foundations of Science-Based Interviewing*
10:50 am – 11:10 am	**Break**
11:10 am – 12:25 pm	*Science-Based Interviewing: Questioning Techniques for Interviewers*
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	**Lunch and Annual Meeting with NGA Conference Participants**
1:55 pm – 2:10 pm	**Break with Exhibitors**
2:00 pm – 3:20 pm	*Trauma-Informed Interviewing, Adversity, and Psychological First Aid*
3:20 pm – 3:35 pm	**Break**
3:35 pm – 4:25 pm	*Case Closed: Interviewing Lessons from the Field* Mark Anderson and Anthony Palmieri

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

7:00 am – 8:00 am	**Breakfast with NGA Conference Participants**
8:00 am – 8:10 am	**United As One: An APS Partnership Welcome** Michael Hagenlock, Class 002 Alumnus, Class 003 Instructor, National Adult Protection Services Assn
8:10 am – 9:05 am	**Tennessee: Grand Ole Oversight** NGA Past President Amy Willoughby Bryant, Esq., Class 001 and 003 Instructor
9:05 am – 10:00 am	**Nevada: The CPA's $230,000 Gamble** Riley Wilson, Class 003 Alumnus
10:00 am – 10:15 am	**Break**
10:15 am – 11:10 pm	**Alaska: The Last Frontier of Trust** NGA President Lisa Wawrzonek, Class 001 Alumnus
11:10 am – 12:00 pm	**New Mexico: Keeping It Red or Green and Accountable** Patricia Galindo, Esq., Class 003 Instructor Leanne LeCompte, Class 001 Alumnus, Class 003 Instructor
12:00 pm	**Program Concludes**

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ACCOMMODATIONS

Crystal Gateway Marriott
Hotel Website
1700 Richmond Highway, Arlington, VA
Book Online

Crystal Gateway Marriott is only one mile from Reagan National Airport (DCA), two miles to Washington, DC, and directly connected to the Crystal City Metro station, providing the perfect home base for your visit to the DC area. Ideally located in Arlington, this Crystal City hotel offers a convenient Metro ride to downtown Washington D.C. and Old Town Alexandria.

For reservations, visit the reservation website or call the hotel's reservations line at 1-800-393-3680. You must provide say that you are with the **National Conference on Guardianship 2026** to obtain the group rate. It is important that you indicate any special rooming needs or arrangements at the time of this call.

Group Room Rate (rate does not include taxes)
$239.00 per night | Single or Double Occupancy

NGA cannot guarantee room availability. The discounted group rate concludes on **Wednesday, September 23**. Rooms will be available at the discounted rate until that date, or until the block is filled, whichever comes first. Please be aware that the NGA room block usually ***fills well before the deadline***. At that point, you are competing with other guests for rooms. Requests for reservations after September 23 will be accepted by the hotel on a space and rate availability basis. For those making reservations prior to the deadline, rooms may also be available at the group rate on the three days prior to and the three days after the actual conference to accommodate vacation planning.

Parking & Transportation
Parking is available in an underground parking garage for $51 (plus tax) per night. Valet is available for $55 (plus tax) per night.

The hotel is connected to the Crystal Gateway Metro Station.

PROGRAM FEES

If received ON OR BEFORE September 25:	$825
If received AFTER September 25:	$900

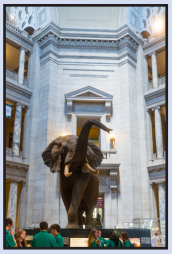
The National Investigator Training program fee includes entrance to all NIT program sessions on Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday; breakfast on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday; lunches on Sunday and Monday; and all breaks, as well as access to NIT program handouts. It also includes a professionally printed certificate of attendance. Due to printing deadlines, anyone registering after September 25 will receive a certificate that can be downloaded and printed.

APPLY ONLINE

Applications are being accepted for class 004.
Apply today!

Things to do in DC

Smithsonian Museums
https://www.si.edu/visit/museums



The Smithsonian is the world's largest museum complex. Eleven museums are located along the National Mall in Washington, D.C., six others and the Smithsonian's National Zoo are nearby. Admission is free to all, including the zoo! The most popular museums are the Museums of American History, Natural History, and Air and Space.

National Archives
https://visit.archives.gov/visit/tickets

View the original Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and Bill of Rights, among other founding documents. These three documents, known collectively as the Charters of Freedom, have secured the rights of the American people for more than two and a quarter centuries and are considered instrumental to the founding and philosophy of the United States. Timed entry tickets are available for $1.00.

Capitol Tour
https://www.visitthecapitol.gov/visit

Visitors wishing to see the rooms of the historic Capitol must be on a guided tour. There are no self-guided tours. Reservations are recommended for a tour, although you are often able to visit without a reservation if space permits. Led by professional guides, the tours visit the Crypt, the Rotunda and National Statuary Hall. The tour does not include the Senate and House Galleries. The tour route is subject to change.

Congressional visitor galleries are open when the House and the Senate are in session. The galleries are not included on the U.S. Capitol tour. Separate passes are required. Contact your representative or senator to request gallery access.