

IN THE COURT OF CHANCERY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

**IN RE: ADDITION OF NEW RULE 178B TO THE COURT OF CHANCERY
 RULES, SECTION XVII**

This 4th day of May 2022, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Court of Chancery Rules, Section XVII, are revised to add new Rule 178B, effective immediately.

Rule 178B is added as follows:

Rule 178B. Unsworn Declarations under Penalty of Perjury in Certain Guardianship Matters.

Pursuant to Section 3927 of Title 10, the use of an Unsworn Declaration under Penalty of Perjury is hereby authorized for pleadings or papers filed in guardianship matters, except for those listed below. Unsworn Declarations under Penalty of Perjury may be used in lieu of verifications, sworn declarations, affidavits, and notarized signatures that are otherwise required on pleadings or papers. An Unsworn Declaration under Penalty of Perjury may not be used with any of the following: petitions seeking to appoint a guardian for adults with an alleged disability or to appoint a guardian of property for a minor, to remove a guardian and/or appoint a successor guardian, and to add a co-guardian; physician's affidavits, and personal information sheets filed by petitioners related to those petitions; petitions to terminate a guardianship due to recovery of the person with a disability or to terminate in favor of less restrictive measures; petitions for instructions regarding life-sustaining procedures; consents filed related to those petitions; petitions to transfer funds at majority in guardianships of a minor's property; and applications to proceed *in forma pauperis*. The Chancellor may further limit the use of Unsworn Declarations by Order or Administrative Directive.

FOR THE COURT:

/s/ Kathaleen St. J. McCormick
Chancellor Kathaleen St. J. McCormick