

“GUARDIANSHIP” MEANS AN AWARD, UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, OF ANY POWER OF A GUARDIAN.

COMMITTEE NOTE: This subsection is substituted for former FL § 5-301(e), which defined “guardianship” in terms of the right to consent to adoption or long-term care short of adoption, to conform to the scope of this subtitle.

(E) IDENTIFYING INFORMATION.

“IDENTIFYING INFORMATION” MEANS INFORMATION THAT REVEALS THE IDENTITY OR LOCATION OF AN INDIVIDUAL.

COMMITTEE NOTE: This subsection is derived from former FL § 5-301(i) and restated in positive, rather than negative, terms, for consistency with comparable provisions such as current FL § 5-701(i).

(F) PARENT.

(1) “PARENT” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO, AT THE TIME A PETITION FOR GUARDIANSHIP IS FILED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE OR AT ANY TIME BEFORE A COURT TERMINATES THE INDIVIDUAL'S PARENTAL RIGHTS:

- (I) MEETS A CRITERION IN § 5-306(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE; OR
- (II) IS THE MOTHER.

(2) “PARENT” DOES NOT INCLUDE AN INDIVIDUAL WHOM A COURT HAS ADJUDICATED NOT TO BE A FATHER OR MOTHER OF A CHILD.

COMMITTEE NOTE: This subsection is new and added to allow concise reference to an individual who is a party to, or has the right to notice of, a case under this subtitle due to a parental relationship.

Defined terms: “Child” § 5-301

“Guardianship” § 5-301

“Includes” § 1-101

(G) PARTY.

“PARTY” MEANS:

(1) IN A GUARDIANSHIP CASE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE:

- (I) THE CHILD;
- (II) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 5-326(A)(3)(III) OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE CHILD'S PARENT; AND
- (III) THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT TO WHICH THE CHILD IS COMMITTED;

(2) IN AN ADOPTION CASE UNDER PART III OF THIS SUBTITLE:

- (I) THE CHILD;