

# What Does a Public Conservator Do?

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The Public Conservator in California conducts investigation on behalf of the county to determine whether an individual is in need of a conservatorship. The Public Conservator may also serve as the Conservator of a person or of an estate if the court determines the Public Conservator is the best option for a conservatee.

A Public Conservator may be a Conservator of the Estate. The Conservator of the Estate is responsible for managing bank accounts, bill payments, insurance, and other financial matters. S/he may also be responsible for managing real property and protecting assets. Sometimes individuals are healthy enough to care for themselves in the sense that they can bathe, dress and eat but they may not be mentally coherent enough to manage financial responsibilities.

A Public Conservator may serve only as Conservator of the Estate or may also serve as Conservator of the Person. When a Public Conservator is the Conservator of the Person, s/he is responsible for deciding where the conservatee will live (for example a group home may be good or a home with more privacy and security may be better for someone with severe mental illness). The Conservator is responsible for daily care such as bathing, dressing, cooking meals and transportation.

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