

For more information:

Tami Matthews Coordinator of Court Services 419-734-6833 (office) 419-635-5662 (cell) tmatthews@co.ottawa.oh.us



Frederick C. "Fritz" Hany II, **Judge**

> **Probate Court** Volunteer **Adult Guardian**

COUNT

Frederick C. "Fritz" Hany II, **Judge**

Supporting our most vulnerable community members throughout every stage of life.

Ottawa County Court of Common Pleas, **Probate and Juvenile Division 315 Madison Street** Port Clinton, OH 43452

A Volunteer Guardian serves as a guardian of the person, taking responsibility for the care, wellbeing, and protection of their ward. In this role, the volunteer guardian may have decision-making authority over critical areas such as housing, education, finances, medical care, and end-of-life decisions, ensuring that the ward's best interests are represented and safeguarded.

"To be a guardian is to carry both the responsibility and the privilege of advocating for those who cannot advocate for themselves, ensuring their rights and dignity are always respected."



Requirements for a
Volunteer Guardian
include being at least 18
years old, completing 6
hours of initial online
training, 3 hours of
continuing education
annually, and committing
to at least one year of
service.