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CHAPTER 298

AN ACT to amend 260.22 and 324.29 of the statutes, relating to appearances by guardians.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 260.22 of the statutes is amended to read:

260.22 APPEARANCE BY GUARDIAN OR GUARDIAN AD LITEM. When a party to an action or proceeding is a minor, *or when the court or judge has reason to believe that a party is mentally incompetent to have charge of his affairs*, he must appear either by the general guardian of his property or by a guardian ad litem * * * who is an attorney appointed by the court or by a judge thereof. * * *. *A guardian ad litem shall be appointed in all cases where the minor or incompetent has no general guardian of his property, or where such general guardian fails to appear on his behalf, or where the interest of the minor or incompetent is adverse to that of such general guardian.*

SECTION 2. 324.29 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

324.29 (1) Every person not under disability may appear in *and conduct or defend* any proceeding in county court or before any county judge * * * in person or by attorney and not otherwise. Every person under disability shall appear and conduct or defend by his guardian ad litem, who shall be an attorney, or by * * * *the general guardian of his property*, who may appear by attorney; *but a guardian ad litem shall be appointed in all cases where the minor or incompetent has no general guardian of his property, or where such general guardian fails to appear on his behalf, or where the interest of the minor or incompetent is adverse to that of such general guardian.* The county judge shall make an entry in his minutes of every appearance stating when, how and by whom it was made, and shall not proceed further in the cause, matter or proceeding until such entry is made.

Approved June 17, 1953.