**Massachusetts adopts the Adult Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Jurisdiction Act**

In 2014, Massachusetts enacted an Act Relative to Uniform Adult Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Jurisdiction. Chapter 225 of the Acts of 2014. This Act modifies Chapter 190B of the General Laws, the Massachusetts guardianship and protective proceedings statute. The Act takes effect on Jan. 1, 2015.

By enacting this legislation, Massachusetts has become one of 38 states to adopt the federal Adult Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Jurisdiction Act (UAFPPJA). The UAFPPJA addresses the issue of jurisdiction over adult guardianships, conservatorships & other protective proceedings, providing a mechanism for resolving multi-state jurisdictional disputes. The goal of the UAFPPJA is that only one state will have jurisdiction at any one time.

The UAFPPJA can be found at: <http://www.uniformlaws.org/shared/docs/adult_guardianship/UAGPPJA_2011_Final%20Act_2014sep12.pdf>

A summary of the UAFPPJA can be found at:

<http://www.uniformlaws.org/ActSummary.aspx?title=Adult%20Guardianship%20and%20Protective%20Proceedings%20Jurisdiction%20Act>

A map of states that have enacted the UAFPPJA can be found at:

<http://www.uniformlaws.org/Act.aspx?title=Adult+Guardianship+and+Protective+Proceedings+Jurisdiction+Act>

Chapter 225 of the Acts of 2014 can be found at:

<https://malegislature.gov/Laws/SessionLaws/Acts/2014/Chapter225>

Enactment history of Chapter 225 of the Acts of 2014 can be found at:

<https://malegislature.gov/Laws/SessionLaws/Acts/2014>