

## Wisconsin Guardianship Statute - Private Access to Ombudsman

**54.25 Duties and powers of guardian of the person,** <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/54/iii/25>

**(2) POWERS.**

**(b) *Rights retained by individuals determined incompetent.*** An individual determined incompetent retains the power to exercise all of the following rights, without consent of the guardian:

1. To have access to and communicate privately with the court and with governmental representatives, including the right to have input into plans for support services, the right to initiate grievances, including under state and federal law regarding resident or patient rights, and the right to participate in administrative hearings and court proceedings.
2. To have access to, communicate privately with, and retain legal counsel. Fees are to be paid from the income and assets of the ward, subject to court approval.
3. To have access to and communicate privately with representatives of the protection and advocacy agency under s. [51.62](#) and the board on aging and long-term care.
4. To protest a residential placement made under s. [55.055](#), and to be discharged from a residential placement unless the individual is protectively placed under ch. [55](#) or the requirements of s. [55.135 \(1\)](#) are met.
5. To petition for court review of guardianship, protective services, protective placement, or commitment orders.
6. To give or withhold a consent reserved to the individual under ch. [51](#).
7. To exercise any other rights specifically reserved to the individual by statute or the constitutions of the state or the United States, including the rights to free speech, freedom of association, and the free exercise of religious expression.