Legal Tools for Assisting, Representing or Taking Care of Someone Who Needs Help

Legal tool					
What?	Help a person with their affairs, without signing or deciding on their behalf	Manage a person's assets on their behalf, within the limits established in the power of attorney	Take care of an incapacitated person and manage their affairs	Perform a specific act on behalf of an incapacitated person	Take care of an incapacitated person and manage their affairs
To help who?	Adult person who is capable	Adult person who is capable	Incapacitated adult person who prepared a protection mandate when they were capable	Adult person who is incapacitated	Adult person who is incapacitated
Steps to take	All these legal tools can be put in place with or without the help of legal professionals.				
	Submit a request with the Public Curator for your assistant to be officially recognized • The court does not intervene	Sign a document called a "power of attorney" • The Public Curator and the court don't intervene • In certain cases, the power of attorney must be done with the help of a notary	Ask the court to homologate the protection mandate • Medical and psychosocial evaluations are necessary • Must prepare an inventory of the person's property • Must make a report to someone else (for accountability) at least every three years	Ask the court to appoint the suggested temporary representative • Medical and psychosocial evaluations are necessary • No need to prepare an inventory of the person's property • Must make a report after completing the act (for accountability)	Ask the court to appoint a tutor • Medical and psychosocial evaluations are necessary • Family and friends intervene to choose the tutor • Must prepare an inventory of the person's property • Must make a report once a year to someone else (for accountability)

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