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Except as otherwise appears herein, whenever used in this Part any term defined in Mental Hygiene Law § 1.03 shall have the meanings set forth therein and, in addition, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

**(a)** Service means the Mental Hygiene Legal Service.

**(b)** Director means the head of the Service referred to in Mental Hygiene Law § 47.01 or his/her duly authorized designee.

**(c)** Court shall mean Supreme Court, County Court or Surrogate's Court.

**(d)** Patient shall mean a person residing in a facility for the mentally disabled which is licensed or operated by the Department of Mental Hygiene or the Department of Correctional Services, or a person residing in any other place for whom the Service has been appointed counsel or court evaluator pursuant to Mental Hygiene Law article 81.

**(e)** Guardian shall mean a person or entity appointed as a guardian, standby guardian or limited guardian as provided in Surrogate's Court Procedure Act article 17-A or Mental Hygiene Law article 81.