

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN THE STATE OF OREGON
FOR THE COUNTY OF MULTNOMAH

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In the Matter of:)
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Appointment of Protected Person Special Advocates)

ORDER No. 1401-00000

The Court finds that ORS Chapter 125 now authorizes the appointment of volunteers to serve as Protected Person Special Advocates. This order shall delineate the qualifications, standards and procedures to be used by Protected Person Special Advocates (hereafter Special Advocates) in the performance of their duties, responsibilities and functions. These are as follows:

Qualifications for persons serving as special advocates:

- Be 18 or over
- Have no convictions for crimes punishable by one year or more in jail, or any crimes involving abuse, neglect or exploitation of a person
- Have no current investigation or past founded incident from any governmental investigating authority for, abuse, neglect, or exploitation of another person and/or no professional or occupational license revoked or cancelled for disciplinary reasons
- Have a present ability to understand and conform to ethical obligations of confidentiality, objective reporting, and non-discrimination.
- Have a present ability to personally visit the residences of protected people within Multnomah County and nearby areas
- Have no personal interest in the protected person or any pecuniary or financial interest in the proceeding

Screening and training for special advocates:

- Complete a volunteer application with accurate identifying information; self-disclosure of criminal convictions, DHS investigations, or professional discipline and personal references
- Submit to a criminal record check and Oregon DHS abuse records check
- Complete at least 10 hours of in-person training covering the law of guardianships, the needs of vulnerable populations, skill development for working with diverse communities and the duties and ethics of a court-appointed Guardianship Monitor
- Complete additional training of no less than four hours each year in subject areas relevant to protected populations or skills for special advocates
- Affirm an understanding of the laws and duties governing the work of a Special Advocate in a swearing-in ceremony or other process designed to actively affirm such an understanding

Standards and procedures to be used by special advocates:

Special advocates will:

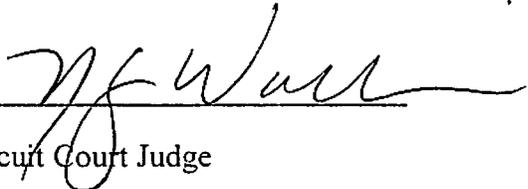
- Review the existing court file on a matter to which they are appointed



- Contact the fiduciary to arrange for an interview with the fiduciary and a visit to protected person
- Conduct an interview with the fiduciary
- Provide referral to services that can improve the quality of the fiduciary's performance
- Visit the protected person
- Will, if necessary to complete the court report, interview the protected person's caregivers and family members and social service providers and inspect records related to health, mental health, finances, education and welfare
- Complete a court-approved written report using a form designated by the Chief Probate Judges which provides a summary of observations and indicates any recommendation for judicial action
- Consult with supervising organization's staff as necessary to complete the required tasks
- Submit the written report to the supervising organization. The supervising organization will ensure report compliance and submit the report to the court

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Multnomah County Circuit Court shall appoint Protected Person Special Advocates meeting the above qualifications and training requirements and those Protected Person Special Advocates shall follow the above described standards and procedures in the performance of their duties.

Dated this 29th day of September, 2014.



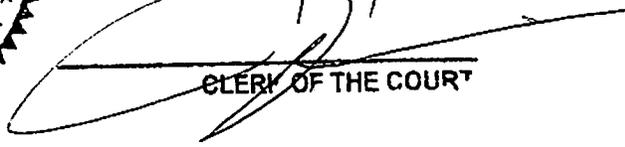
 Nan Waller
 Presiding Circuit Court Judge



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 OF THE ORIGINAL.**

DATED: _____

10/17/14



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