

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

IN THE MATTER OF)
)
ORDER ESTABLISHING)
QUALIFICATIONS, STANDARDS, AND)
FEES FOR COURT VISITORS)
_____)

**Presiding Judge Order
Number 23-05**

Pursuant to ORS 125.165 and 125.170 (2), IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1) Court Visitors shall have the following qualifications:
 - a. A license in good standing from any state in any of the following areas: licensed professional counselor; licensed marriage and family therapist; licensed clinical social workers; registered nurse; attorney; or
 - b. A Post-graduate degree (e.g. MSW, MSN, other master's degree, J.D.) and at least two years of relevant experience.
 - c. The Presiding Judge or their designee shall determine whether the proposed visitor's experience under 1)b. above is sufficient.
- 2) The Presiding Judge or their designee shall have the sole and absolute discretion to place a person on the approved visitor's list or remove a person from the approved visitor's list.
- 3) Visitors shall adhere to the following standards and procedures in the performance of their duties:
 - a. Visitors shall comply with all laws and requirements for a visitor. Visitors shall attend all trainings required by the court, including watching the Judicial Department Court Training Videos: What you need to know as a Court Visitor; What Court Visitors Need to Know About Dementia and Delirium; and Mental Illness, and Functional Capacity. The visitor shall also comply with any additional requirements that are imposed by the court following the visitor's appointment.
 - b. Visitors shall see and interview the proposed protected person and persons deemed by the visitor to possess relevant information;
 - c. Visitors shall review relevant records regarding the protected person, to the extent such records are available;
 - d. Visitors shall comply with ORS 125.150(3)-(10);
 - e. The visitor's report shall be in the form prescribed by the Columbia County Circuit Court; and
 - f. The visitor shall be present at any hearing on objections to the appointment of a fiduciary as required by ORS 125.155(5).
- 4) Effective June 20, 2023, the visitor's fee shall be \$400 for a protective proceeding sought pursuant to ORS 125.055 and 125.600, or a combination of the two.
 - a. Upon petition to the court by the visitor, the court may authorize reasonable

compensation for attendance at a hearing on objection to the appointment of a fiduciary and/or extraordinary investigation and/or atypical amount of time required of the visitor on an individual case.

- 5) This order supersedes all prior Presiding Judge Orders regarding court visitor qualifications, standards, and fees.

Dated this 9 day of June, 2023



The Honorable Michael T. Clarke