

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF OREGON

FOR THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

In the Matter of Establishing,
Qualifications, Standards and
Fees for Court Visitors

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General Order

18-03
(Third Amended)

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This order amends General Order 18-03 (Second Amended).

Pursuant to ORS 125.165 and ORS 125.170 the presiding judge must establish the qualifications, standards and fees for court visitors;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

A court visitor shall meet the qualifications pursuant to ORS 125.165 and have the appropriate education, training and experience to conduct interviews and make recommendations as required of court visitors under the law and have knowledge of the law relating to visitors, their duties and responsibilities. Any interested person who wishes to become a visitor shall submit a cover letter and resume' to the Trial Court Administrator.

It is further ordered that the judge in the Fifteenth Judicial District assigned to probate cases may interview any person appointed to be a court visitor to assure the judge that the person meets the qualifications under the law and this order.

It is further ordered that the fee for a visitor is set at \$400.00 for each permanent guardianship petition and for each case involving both a temporary and permanent guardianship petition. Additionally, a visitor may petition the court for any reasonable expenses, including mileage outside the county, as set forth under the guidelines established for reimbursement of expenses for employees of the Oregon Judicial Department.

It is further ordered that the judge assigned to probate cases may allow a fee above \$400.00 for a case if the visitor establishes that such fee is necessary and reasonable because of its complexity or time commitment.

It is further ordered that upon appointment the court shall email the visitor all petitions, orders, and correspondence. Visitor fees and extraordinary expenses shall be paid pursuant to ORS 125.170 and within 7 days of entry of the order of appointment. The fee shall be paid to the court and will be disbursed to the visitor when the visitor's report is filed with the court. If extraordinary fees or expenses are requested by the visitor and approved by the court, those fees shall be paid to the court within 7 days of approval, to be disbursed to the visitor.

Dated this 24th day of April 2026 at Coquille, Oregon.


Martin E. Stone, Presiding Judge
Fifteenth Judicial District