

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

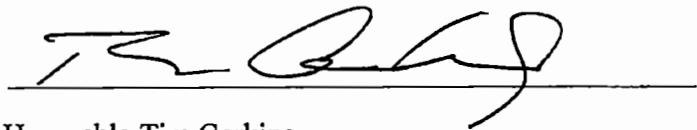
ORDER ESTABLISHING
QUALIFICATIONS, STANDARDS, AND
FEES FOR COURT VISITORS

GENERAL ORDER: 16-14

Pursuant to ORS 125.165 and 125.170 (2), ITS 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: licensed professional counselor, licensed marriage and family therapist, licensed clinical social worker, 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 his or her designee shall determine whether the proposed visitor's experience under 1B above is sufficient.
- 2) The Presiding Judge or his or her 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. 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 respondent, to the extent such records are available;
 - D) Visitors shall comply with ORS 125.150(3)-(10);
 - E) The visitor's report shall comply with ORS 125.155(2);
 - F) The visitor's report shall be in the form prescribed by the Jackson County Circuit Court; and
 - G) The visitor shall be present at any hearing on objections to the appointment of a fiduciary as required by ORS 125.155(5)
 - H) Each approved visitor shall accept a maximum of 4 cases per year without compensation.
- 4) Effective November 1, 2016, the visitor's fee shall be \$400.00 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 and standards.



Honorable Tim Gerking
Presiding Judge
Jackson County Circuit Court

10/6/16