

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

In the Matter of:	)	ORDER No. 25PJ000009
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VISITOR QUALIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS	)	PRESIDING JUDGE'S ORDER
	)	

The Court finds that ORS 125.165 requires that the Presiding Judge shall, by court order, establish the training, qualifications and performance standards of a person performing the duties of a Court Visitor as outlined in Chapter 125.

In addition to the requirements set forth in ORS 125.165, it is hereby ORDERED that anyone approved as a Visitor in Multnomah County shall:

- 1) Have a license, in good standing as a Licensed Professional Counselor, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Registered Nurse and/or a post graduate degree in social work, mental health, medical fields, or other court approved qualifications. While on the approved Visitors list, Visitors shall maintain any professional licenses or certifications in good standing and shall immediately notify the Court of any change in status, including investigations by the authority issuing the license /certification.
- 2) Complete the Fiduciary Training required for non-professional fiduciaries by the Multnomah County Supplemental Local Rule 9.076 and a training regarding identification and reporting of abuse of elders, vulnerable adults and children.
- 3) Demonstrate a working knowledge and proficiency with the Oregon statutory criteria for Protective Proceedings as outlined in ORS Chapter 125 as well as the Uniform Trial Court Rules and Multnomah County Supplemental Local Rules governing Protective Proceedings.
- 4) Conduct interviews of all persons deemed by the Visitor to have relevant information; review all records relevant to the respondent to the extent such records are available; comply with ORS 125.150; provide, within the statutory timeline, a report to the Court in compliance with ORS 125.155(2) in the form prescribed by the Court, and be present at any hearing on objections to the appointment of a fiduciary as required by ORS 125.155(5).

It is further ORDERED that the Court shall retain authority as follows:

- 1) The Lead Probate Judge shall have discretion to appoint a person to or remove a person from the court approved visitor list.
- 2) The Lead Probate Judge shall determine whether or not a proposed visitor's qualifications are sufficient.

3) The Lead Probate Judge is authorized to limit the number of persons placed upon the approved visitor list.

4) The Lead Probate Judge shall periodically review the work of Visitors, but said review shall occur no less than once per year.

5) The Presiding Judge shall set the fee schedule for the Visitor. The existing standing order by Judge Stephen K. Bushong is superseded by this Order. For cases filed on or after September 1, 2025, the fee shall be set at a flat rate of \$750 per case to be tendered by petitioners at the time of filing as required by Court rule. Upon petition to the Court by the Visitor, further compensation as is just and reasonable may be allowed by the Court for any extraordinary investigation and/or atypical amount of time required of the Visitor in an individual case. When petitioning for further compensation, a Visitor shall utilize the same procedural process as a petition for attorney fees in cases under ORS Chapter 125.

6) The Visitor fee shall be reviewed every three (3) years.

Dated: 10/30/25


Judge Judith H. Matarazzo