

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

In the Matter of:) Baker County Circuit Court Presiding
) Judge's Order No. 2025-001
ESTABLISHING QUALIFICATIONS;)
STANDARDS; AND FEE SCHEDULES FOR)
COURT VISITORS)
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In accordance with ORS 125.165 requiring the Presiding Judge of each judicial district to adopt court visitor qualifications for education, experience, fee schedules, and standards; therefore,

It is hereby ORDERED

1. Visitors shall have the following qualifications:
 - a. A license in good standing in any state as any of the following: licensed professional counselor, licensed marriage and family therapist, licensed clinical social worker, registered nurse, or attorney; or
 - b. 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 may determine whether the proposed visitor's experience is sufficient.
2. Visitors shall have the following training and/or experience:
 - a. Training and/or experience in evaluating the functional capacity and needs of a protected person(s); and/or
 - b. Experience providing assistance to individuals or groups with issues such as abuse and neglect, substance abuse, health, disabilities, inadequate housing, cultural competencies, etc.
 - c. Experience must provide some background in legal matters related to informing parties of court proceedings, and answering questions related to statutory requirements or community services/program options.

3. Visitors shall utilize the following standards and procedures in the performance of their duties:
 - a. Visitors shall interview persons deemed by the visitor to possess relevant information;
 - b. Visitors shall review relevant records regarding the respondent, to the extent such records are available;
 - c. Visitors shall comply with ORS 125.150(3) through 125.150(10);
 - d. The visitor's report shall comply with ORS 125.155(1) through 125.155(2).
 - e. The visitors report shall be in the form prescribed by the Oregon Judicial Department; 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). The visitor's fee for testifying shall not exceed the visitor's normal hourly rate.
4. Visitors may charge an hourly rate for conducting interviews and preparing visitor's reports. The hourly rate is \$125.00. In addition, visitors may charge mileage at the IRS rate and may charge for travel time in an amount not to exceed one-half of the normal hourly rate.
5. The presiding judge 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.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Matthew B. Shirtcliff
Baker County Circuit Court Presiding Judge