

VI. Presiding Judge's Order on Court Visitor Qualifications, Standards, and Fee Schedules

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

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

ORDER

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

Court Visitor Qualifications

1) Visitors shall have the appropriate education, training and experience to comply with Oregon laws and make recommendations to the court regarding protected persons. The presiding judge or his or her designee shall determine whether the proposed visitor's experience is sufficient. Qualifying experience and training may include but is not limited to the following:

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. Significant experience and training or education in the above or similar fields may substitute for current licensure.

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.

Standards and Procedures

1) The Court, pursuant to ORS 125.150, shall appoint a visitor upon the filing of a petition in a protective proceeding that seeks the appointment of a guardian in certain matters.

2) Visitors shall be familiar with all laws and requirements for a visitor. Visitors shall attend all trainings required by the court. If additional requirements are imposed by the court, the visitor shall comply.

3) The visitor's duties include interviews of interested persons, including medical personnel. The visitor shall see and attempt to interview the proposed protected person.

4) The visitor is to investigate numerous issues articulated in ORS 125.150(7) through 125.150(12) and is required to file a report with the Court.

Fees

1) The fees for visitors appointed by the Court shall be compensated at the rate of \$300 per case with an allowance of an additional fee of \$25 per hour for exceptional cases.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that previous Orders addressing fees for court visitors are rescinded by this Order.

Dated this — day of U/a.a.4 _____, 2016.


David B Cornell, Presiding Judge