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

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4 **IN THE MATTER OF:**
5 **QUALIFICATIONS, STANDARDS, AND**
6 **FEES FOR COURT VISITORS**

PRESIDING JUDGE ORDER
NO. 26-05

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9 This order supersedes Presiding Judge Order (PJO) 16-14, dated October 6, 2016.


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

- 11 1) Court Visitors shall have the following qualifications:
- 12 a) A license in good standing from any state in any of the following: licensed
 - 13 professional counselor, licensed marriage and family therapist, licensed clinical
 - 14 social worker, registered nurse, attorney; or
 - 15 b) A postgraduate degree (e.g. MSW, MSN, other master's degrees, J.D.) and at
 - 16 least two years of relevant experience.
 - 17 c) The Presiding Judge or his or her designee shall determine whether the
 - 18 proposed visitor's experience under 1B above is sufficient.
- 19 2) The Presiding Judge or his or her designee shall have the sole and absolute
- 20 discretion to place a person on the approved visitor's list or remove a person from
- 21 the approved visitor's list.
- 22 3) Visitors shall adhere to the following standards and procedures in the performance
- 23 of their duties:
- 24 a) Visitors shall comply with all laws and requirements for a visitor. Visitors shall
 - 25 attend all training required by the court. The visitor shall also comply with any
 - 26 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;

- 1 c) Visitors shall review relevant records regarding the respondent, to the extent
2 such records are available;
- 3 d) Visitors shall comply with ORS 125.150(3)-(10);
- 4 e) The visitor's report shall comply with ORS 125.155(2);
- 5 f) The visitor's report shall be in the form prescribed by the Jackson County Circuit
6 Court; and
- 7 g) The visitor shall be present at any hearing on objections to the appointment of a
8 fiduciary as required by ORS 125.155(5)
- 9 h) Each approved visitor shall accept a maximum of 4 cases per year without
10 compensation.
- 11 4) Effective July 1, 2026, the visitor's fee shall be \$600.00 for a protective proceeding
12 sought pursuant to ORS 125.055 and 125.600, or a combination of the two.
- 13 a) Upon petition to the court by the visitor, the court may authorize additional
14 compensation of \$50.00 for attendance at a hearing on objection to the
15 appointment of a fiduciary and/or reasonable compensation for an extraordinary
16 investigation and/or a typical amount of time required of the visitor on an
17 individual case.

18 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that PJO 16-14 is hereby superseded and the provisions
19 of this Order shall remain in effect until rescinded or superseded by further order of the court.

20 Dated this 10th day of June 2026.

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23 HON. DAVID G. HOPPE
24 PRESIDING JUDGE
25 JACKSON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
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