

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON
IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY

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POLK COUNTY OREGON

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TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR

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In the Matter of Establishing) Presiding Judge Order 24-006
Qualifications and Standards)
for Court Visitors) ORDER ESTABLISHING QUALIFICATOINS
) and STANDARDS for COURT VISITORS

Pursuant to ORS 125.165 and 125.170(2),

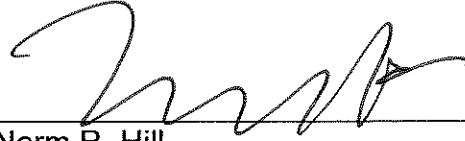
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 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, licenses 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 or his or her designee may determine whether the proposed visitor's experience is sufficient.
 - d. No felony convictions and no misdemeanor convictions for crimes involving truth or veracity.
- 2) The presiding judge and his or her designee shall have the sole or 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 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) – (10);
 - d. The visitor's report shall comply with ORS 125.155(2);
 - e. The visitor's report shall be in the form prescribed by the Polk Circuit Court; and
 - f. The visitor shall be present at any hearing on objections to the appointment of a fiduciary as required by ORS 125.55(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 shall not exceed \$125.00. In addition, visitors

may charge mileage at the IRS rate and may charge travel time in an amount not to exceed one-half of their normal hourly rate.

This order supersedes all prior Presiding Judge Orders regarding Court Visitor's Qualifications and Standards.

DATED and this 13 day of December 2024

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Norm R. Hill', written over a horizontal line.

Norm R. Hill
Presiding Judge