

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON
FOR THE TWENTY-SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

In the Matter of Setting Court Visitor)
Qualifications; Fee Schedules; and) **Presiding Judge Order**
Standards and Procedures) **No. 2010-05**

In that ORS 125.165 requires the Presiding Judge of each Judicial District to set Court Visitor Qualifications, Court Visitor Fee Schedules, and Court Visitor Standards and Procedures,

Now Therefore It is Hereby Ordered that:

1) Court Visitor Qualifications:

The following minimum qualifications are required of individuals to be considered for the Twenty-Seventh (27th) Judicial District Court Visitor Program:

- A. Shall possess a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university with substantial course work in a behavioral science, or a law degree from an accredited law school; and,
- B. Have at least two (2) years full-time equivalent of direct therapy or counseling experience with a preferred emphasis on short term problem-solving in a private, public or non-profit agency; or,
- C. Be a practicing attorney for at least two (2) years full-time equivalent with substantial experience in family law or protective proceedings; or
- D. Have served as a Court Visitor for two years.
- E. The Presiding Judge, for good cause, may allow appropriate substitutions for any of the minimum qualifications.

2) Court Visitor Fee Schedules:

- A. The minimum fee for the Court Visitor shall be \$250. The maximum fee shall be \$400. The minimum fee shall be paid by the Petitioner to the Court at the time of the filing of the Petition.

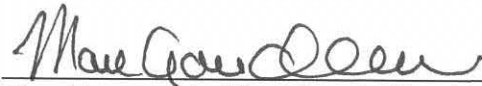
B. If based upon the nature of the case, the Court Visitor feels that the appropriate fee should be greater than the minimum fee, the Visitor shall file a Motion and Affidavit with the Court explaining in detail the basis for the request for additional fees. The Court shall review this motion and determine whether or not the additional fees are reasonable. If reasonable, Petitioner shall pay the additional fees to the Court.

3) Court Visitor Standards and Procedures:

A. The Court Visitor shall investigate and report to the Court in accordance with the requirements of ORS 125.150 and ORS 125.155. The Court Visitor shall also include in the report any information gathered regarding whether the Respondent will need any special accommodations if a court hearing is set.

B. The Court Visitor shall provide a written report containing all statutorily required information within 15 calendar days of appointment or five court days for emergency cases. If additional time is needed based upon an emergency or unusual circumstance, the Court Visitor shall immediately notify the Court in writing of the situation and specify the additional time necessary to complete the report. If good cause and necessity is shown, the Court may grant additional time for filing the Visitor's Report.

Dated this 2 day of June, 2010.



The Honorable Mari Garric Trevino
Presiding Judge
27th Judicial District