

1 **IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR JACKSON COUNTY**
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3 **IN THE MATTER OF:**
4 **QUALIFICATIONS, STANDARDS, AND**
5 **FEES FOR COURT VISITORS**
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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.
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21 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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