

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF STATE OF OREGON  
FOR MARION COUNTY

ORDER ESTABLISHING )  
QUALIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS )  
FOR COURT VISITORS )  
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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, licensed 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.

2) Visitors shall have the following training:

- A) Visitors shall view the Marion County Visitor Improvement Project DVD and read the Marion County Handbook for Visitors. After viewing the DVD and reading the Handbook, the visitor shall certify to the court, in a form provided by the court, that he or she has done so.

- 1           B) Visitors who are already on the Marion County Circuit Court list of  
2 approved visitors as of September 1, 2009, shall view the Marion County  
3 Visitor Improvement Project DVD and read the Marion County Handbook  
4 for Visitors; and certify to the court, in a form provided by the court, that  
5 they have done so, no later than March 1, 2010.
- 6           3) The presiding judge or his or her designee shall have the sole and absolute discretion  
7 to place a person on the approved visitor's list or remove a person from the approved  
8 visitor's list.
- 9           4) Visitors shall utilize the following standards and procedures in the performance of  
10 their duties:
- 11           A) Visitors shall interview persons deemed by the visitor to possess relevant  
12 information;
- 13           B) Visitors shall review relevant records regarding the respondent, to the  
14 extent such records are available;
- 15           C) Visitors shall comply with ORS 125.150(3)-(10);
- 16           D) The visitor's report shall comply with ORS 125.155(2);
- 17           E) The visitor's report shall be in the form prescribed by the Marion County  
18 Circuit Court; and
- 19           F) The visitor shall be present at any hearing on objections to the  
20 appointment of a fiduciary as required by ORS 125.155(5). The visitor's  
21 fee for testifying shall not exceed the visitor's normal hourly rate.
- 22           5) Visitors may charge an hourly rate for conducting interviews and preparing visitor's  
23 reports. The hourly rate shall not exceed \$125.00. In addition, visitors may charge  
24 mileage at the IRS rate and may charge for travel time in an amount not to exceed  
25 one-half of their normal hourly charge.
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1 6) This order supersedes all prior Presiding Judge Orders regarding Court Visitor  
2 Qualifications and Standards.

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4 Dated this 26th day of August, 2009.

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6 /s/ James L. Rhoades  
7 Hon. James L. Rhoades  
8 Presiding Judge  
9 Marion County Circuit Court  
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