IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF STATE OF OREGON FOR MARION COUNTY

| In the Matter of Establishing Qualifications and Standards for Court Visitors |) PRESIDING JUDGE ORDER) 19MARPJO No. 19-13 |
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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.
 - D) No felony convictions and no misdemeanor convictions for crimes involving truth or veracity.
- Visitors shall have the following training: 2)
 - A) Visitors shall view the Oregon Judicial Department series of three visitor training videos and read the Marion County Handbook for Visitors. The videos are available on YouTube and links are provided on the court's website. After viewing the videos 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.
- 3) 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.

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- 4) 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 Marion County 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.
- 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 for travel time in an amount not to exceed one-half of their normal hourly charge.
- 6) This order supersedes all prior Presiding Judge Orders regarding Court Visitor's Qualifications and Standards.

Signed: 9/25/2019 01:51 PM

Circuit Court Judge Tracy A. Prall