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December 4, 2009

Judge Stahlin,
GAL/Rule 1:07 Committee
Middlesex Probate Court
208 Cambridge Street
East Cambridge, MA 02141-0006

Re: Violation of SJC Rule 1:07

Dear Judge Stahlin:

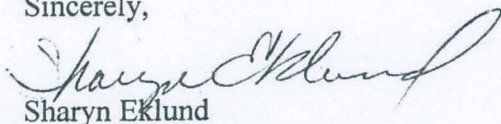
Perhaps you are not aware that certain guardians violate SJC Rule 1:07 as a matter of course. They feel that they do not need to wait for court approval prior to paying themselves. This is the problem that my mother has experienced since July, 2007. This is such a problem that there is virtually little money left (of once sufficient assets to allow my mother to stay in her home for a considerable time) such that my sister now buys my mother food and waits for this "guardian" to reimburse her; such that my mother is living in her home with a leaking roof. The leaking roof has been an ongoing problem for at least 1 ½ years with ongoing water damage that has greatly diminished the value of my mother's home. Mold is growing on the roof and in the rotting wooden gutters. There is internal water damage such that we fear that mold may be growing behind paneling and the damaged plaster. My mother's medical condition has also been compromised by actions of this guardian. Also, the phone company called this afternoon about the phone bill. It appears that this "guardian" has not paid the bill. My mother needs a phone in case of an emergency as she is often transported to the hospital.

I would hope that the GAL/Rule 1:07 Committee would want to prevent further violations of this Rule, sanction those guardians who engage in such violations, and direct reimbursement of the monies taken from "clients" who are owed a fiduciary duty.

This guardian has operated and continues to operate with impunity. There has been no accountability for her actions. Hopefully, your committee will implement a process for oversight of "guardians," sanctions for misconduct; and a liaison individual who will receive complaints of wrong doing and abuse of power, investigate complaints, and implement sanctions.

I have enclosed some documentation relating to these issues. Should you have any questions, please let me know. I can be reached via email (sharynkeklund@yahoo.com) or a message can be left at 781-646-6568 or 781-377-4222. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Sharyn Eklund

Attachments: 46 pages