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Dear Ms. Faulk,

As a certified professional guardian, I would like to add my comments about the proposed changes for GR 23, the Rule for Certifying Professional Guardians.

My main concern is about c (1) the membership of the Certified Professional Guardian Board. If this is a Board that purports to oversee the practice of guardianship in Washington State, it needs to have an active group of diverse practitioners sitting on it. Frankly, I have been astonished by some of the decisions of the Board that, in my mind, have demonstrated a lack of understanding of field work. In my opinion, there needs to be greater representation from professions outside of the legal arena, more practicing CPGs in general and more CPGs in specific who are in private practice or from small agencies, more individuals from outside of the large urban areas, and greater ethnic and cultural diversity.

In order to increase access to other viewpoints, I suggest the Board eliminate the proposed rule change that limits Board membership of CPGs to one third, (c 1). I also suggest the Board rethink the idea of relying on increasing the educational level of new CPGs to upgrade the profession (d 1 iv.). Education helps develop "frozen intelligence," or "g", as we say in psychology. This can be useful for something like producing good court reports. However, It does not usually increase other forms of intelligence, much less compassion, commitment, critical thinking, creativity, social skills , or other characteristics that go into quality guardian work. And the problem is, that when you raise the educational bar, you may, in fact, screen out many individuals who would enrich the field that come from cultures and areas that are not based on a EuroCentric rational thinking style.

Thank you for passing my comments on. Resa Eileen Raven, MA, CPG

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