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Certified Professional Guardian Board

March 8, 2012

Ms. Cynthia Hanning
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Edmonds, WA. 98020-0879

LETTER OF ADMONISHMENT

Re: *Guardianship of Georgia Newton*, King County Case No. 00-4-00993-1 SEA
CPGB No. 2011-016

Dear Ms. Hanning:

During its January meeting, the Certified Professional Guardian Board (Board) decided to issue a Letter of Admonishment to you in Complaint Number 2011-016. In the investigation of that complaint the Board found you violated Standard of Practice 403.1:

"The guardian shall avoid self-dealing, conflict of interest, and the appearance of a conflict of interest. Self-dealing or conflict of interest arise when the guardian has some personal, family, or agency interest from which a personal benefit would be derived. Any potential conflict shall be disclosed to the court immediately."

The grievance alleged that you improperly sold the incapacitated person's home. Subsequent investigation of that complaint revealed that your husband, who is also your case manager, and the listing agent, for the home in question, are independent contractors who share office space at a Windermere agency.

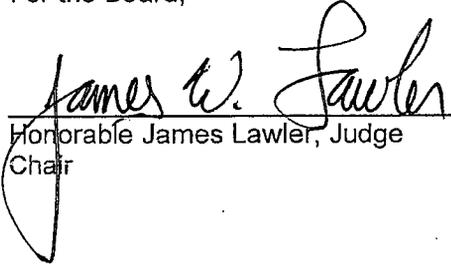
The Board found that while your husband and the listing agent whom you used to sell real property were independent contractors who share office space at a Windermere agency, the general public might not be aware of their independent contractor status and could thus believe there was a conflict of interest. The Board found this arrangement constitutes an appearance of a conflict of interest. Even though no harm may have occurred, an appearance of a conflict can undermine confidence in your ability to act properly as guardian. Decisions concerning the incapacitated persons you serve should not be influenced by desire for personal profit, loyalty to other persons or organizations, including your husband or persons affiliated with your husband.

The Board notes that you have begun using a real estate agent from a different agency to eliminate the appearance of a conflict.

For your conduct in violating the Standards of Practice, it is the decision of the Board that you be admonished. This public admonition constitutes adequate discipline and no further action is warranted. This Board's action is public information.

Please acknowledge receipt and return this letter to the Board within five (5) business days of your receipt.

For the Board,


Honorable James Lawler, Judge
Chair

4/13/12
Date signed

TO: Certified Professional Guardian Board

I acknowledge receipt and understanding of the letter of admonishment.


Signature of Guardian

3/18/12
Date signed