EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT: ARAPAHOE, DOUGLAS, ELBERT and LINCOLN COUNTIES, COLORADO

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CHIEF JUDGE ORDER REGARDING THE TRANSITION OF THE 18TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR

Pursuant to Chief Judge Order 14-05 dated February 6, 2014, Tamra Palmer, Esq. was discharged as the 18th Judicial District Public Administrator and Marco D. Chayet, Esq. was appointed as the 18th Judicial District Public Administrator. Ms. Palmer was directed to cooperate with Mr. Chayet to ensure a smooth transition, including current cases.

Pursuant to C.R.S. § 15-12-619(3), a discharged public administrator may, at the court's discretion, be permitted to complete the administration of any estate or trust in which the discharged public administrator has been previously appointed, or is acting as public administrator, at the time of discharge.

After review of the circumstances, the Court finds that, except in any cases involving Jennifer Gormley and/or Cheryl Miller, it is in the best interests of the subject estates, protected persons, and trusts that, absent any objection by an interested party to an estate, Ms. Palmer be allowed to conclude administration of all non Gormley and/or Miller cases she was on prior to February 6, 2014. This is to mitigate any trauma to any protected person who may have a long-standing relationship with Ms. Palmer. Additionally, this will mitigate any additional costs associated with transitioning Ms. Palmer out of her role as Public Administrator for the 18th Judicial District as it would be unfair to unnecessarily increase the cost to any estate due to this transition.

Therefore, pursuant to statute and in order to achieve a successful transition of the office of Public Administrator to Mr. Chayet, Ms. Palmer shall be allowed to complete the administration of all decedent estates, conservatorship estates, and trusts in which she had been appointed or acting in the role of public administrator prior to her discharge from office on February 6, 2014, consistent with this Chief Judge Order.

Any case in which Ms. Palmer remains on to conclude administration shall be as a private fiduciary and not as a public administrator. Additionally, Ms. Palmer shall carry all necessary and reasonable fiduciary insurance and bonds through the conclusion of the administration of all cases she was on prior to February 6, 2014.

All hourly fee rates charged by Ms. Palmer in cases, in which she is concluding administration for prior to said February 6, 2014 date, shall remain the same as her previously authorized rates as the former public administrator.

In addition to remaining in full compliance with the requirements of each fiduciary appointment and role, by statute, rule, ethical obligation and specific court orders, Ms. Palmer shall do the following:

1. Complete an annual report by March 1, 2014, consistent with C.R.S. 15-12-623(2), for all cases to which she was appointed as public administrator during the calendar year of 2013.

- 2. Complete an annual report by March 1, 2015, consistent with C.R.S. 15-12-623(2), for all cases to which she was appointed as public administrator during the calendar year of 2014, prior to her discharge on February 6, 2014.
- 3. Within 15 days of this order, Ms. Palmer shall notify the current Public Administrator of any cases she was on prior to February 6, 2014, that Ms. Palmer feels she must withdraw from due to any conflict of interest or any other reason. Such cases shall be transferred to the current Public Administrator or a Deputy Public Administrator consistent with statute and any applicable court orders.
- 4. Within 30 days of this order, Ms. Palmer shall file proposed amended orders and letters of appointment in all cases to which she is to complete administration pursuant to C.R.S. 15-12-619(3) in order to reflect that she is no longer acting in the capacity as public administrator. Ms. Palmer shall provide copies of the executed amended orders and letters of appointment to the current Public Administrator.
- 5. Ms. Palmer shall provide the current Public Administrator with a quarterly status report detailing the progress of closing administration on all subject cases. The content of the status report shall be at the discretion of the current Public Administrator. These reports shall be due on or about May 1, 2014, August 1, 2014, November 1, 2014, and February 1, 2015, and quarterly thereafter.
- 6. Ms. Palmer shall immediately notify the current Public Administrator of any action initiated by any party seeking a review of her actions or her removal as a fiduciary in any case in which she was appointed as a fiduciary prior to February 6, 2014, in the capacity as public administrator.

7. Nothing in this Chief Judge Order shall preclude the current Public Administrator from requesting that any case Ms Palmer was on prior to February 6, 2014, be transferred to him or a Deputy Public Administrator.

SO ORDERED this 27th day of February, 2014.

BY THE COURT?

WILLIAM BLAIR SYLVESTER

CHIEF JUDGE

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