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ELIZABETH A. BROWN
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**RE: LETTER OF INTEREST TO SERVE
ON PERMANENT GUARDIAN COMMISSION**

Dear Ms. Brown:

I am interested in serving on the Permanent Guardianship Commission established by ADKT 507.

Currently, I am not engaged in the practice of law, but my license is active.

Between 1981 and 2015, I was involved in an estimated 1,000 guardianship cases in 15 of the 17 counties of Nevada.

My practice was centered on trying to meet the legal needs of the elderly and disabled. Most of my colleagues would agree that this was the first "elder law" practice in Nevada.

Few of the guardianship cases I was involved in were limited in scope to only the establishment of the guardianship. Most often the case involved obtaining and retaining public entitlements and health benefits which were crucial to the well-being of the proposed protected person. Sometimes the case was presented to the district court for the purpose of cutting off the "power" of an exploiter.

Since leaving private practice I participated in some sessions of the Temporary Commission and watched developments in the Legislature on the law of guardianships. Most currently, I have been part of "work group" under the guidance of the Honorable Francis Doherty, studying the use of "supportive decision making agreements" as an alternative to guardianship.

The issues presented above need to be considered in establishing the "rules of the road" in guardianship cases, including developing forms. Further, initial guardianship plans should include a plan of care for the proposed protected person. The manner in which such a plan is developed will determine if any cost of care is tax deductible.

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The factors above are so important they should be included in training for: counsel for the proposed protected person, any guardian ad litem, and professional guardians.

I would be honored to serve on the Permanent Commission. I thank you for your consideration.

Please note that I will be out of the area from October 6th through October 28, 2017.

Very Truly Yours,



Henry W. Cavallera