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ELIZABETH A. BROWN CLERK OF SUPREME COURT

RE: Permanent Guardianship Commission

Dear Ms. Brown.

My name is Karen Kelly and I am the Clark County Public Guardian. Please accept this letter as interest in serving on the permanent Guardianship Commission. I am a nationally certified guardian who has worked in the guardianship field for over nine (9) years and I have been serving as the Clark County Public Guardian for the past year.

The Clark County Public Guardian's Office provides quardianship services to over 360 individuals, as well as representative payee services to an additional 100 people. My experience as the Clark County Public Guardian will provide an essential viewpoint to the Commission to assist in developing rules and procedures, as well as making recommendations to continue improving our guardianship system. I am able to provide firsthand information on the practical everyday process of providing guardianship services in our community and navigating the court system, as well as the impact a guardianship, both positive and negative, can have on a protected person.

I have expertise in managing caseloads and providing guardianship training to case managers and the public. In addition, I have been a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) volunteer within the child welfare system since 2004, which provides me with an understanding of the role of a guardian ad litem, as well as the challenges faced when serving as the voice for someone who cannot speak for themselves.

As a public servant, it would be an honor to serve on the permanent Guardianship Commission.

Sincerely,

Karen Kelly

Clark County Rublic Guardian

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