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RE: Guardianship Commission

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I am responding to express my interest in serving on the Guardianship Commission looking at changing the way Nevada structures the role and obligations of guardians over their protected wards. I practice in the rurals in Northern Nevada, where the resources available to protect elders, the disabled, and minor children, are extremely limited. I work with each of these groups and remain concerned that the rights and dignities of the wards are so dependent on the capacities of their guardians and the ability of the Courts to oversee the guardianship.

I started my career working for the firm in Douglas County that represents the public guardian (Rowe, Hales, Yturbide) and have moved to operating my own practice in Lander County. I worked with the good folks at Washoe Legal Services to provide legal service to seniors throughout Lander County and have a thriving general practice that spans Lander, Eureka, Elko, Humboldt, Churchill, Pershing and Mineral Counties. I have created, counseled and terminated guardianships for seniors, the disabled, and children. I have seen cases where the guardianship was a godsend and cases where it was a nightmare.

I would like to be involved in the Commission to provide a voice for rural Nevada and have the chance to work with practitioners throughout the state that focus on these important, but vulnerable, stakeholders. I look forward to hearing from back from you and if you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

> Very Best Regards, Jeh-M. men S

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