

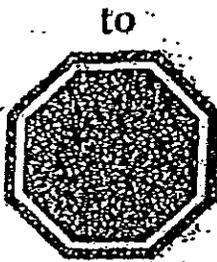
My name is Jeryl Gray. My Connecticut Residence is 29 Shoreline Drive, PO Box 695 Stratford CT the location where I was visiting, living, cohabitating with my mother Dolores Gray, an on-going assessed and Medically Diagnosed "Mentally Capable and Competent" visiting Florida- voting, Florida -driving, Florida home- owning Resident/Domiciliary who was violently abducted, "granny -snatched " from my company by her physically violent , historically predatory son , a son whom she had completely disowned and disinherited , whom she considered to be a "monster" who she never wanted to see again and against whom she had obtained an attorney- created Protective Order.

My Mom was violently abducted by Jay Gray of Milford CT and taken by him into unwilling captivity in his Milford house on October 31, 2010 and has been so imprisoned there against her will, and per the predatory and irredeemably corrupt guardianship/conservatorship industry of Connecticut, the guardianship/conservatorship racket of Connecticut, this woman has been permanently so imprisoned by the corrupt and predatory Probate/Family Judges who unlawfully, illegally, without due process, without representation or participation, have in secret ex parte actions that were engaged and participated in by all the predators but which excluded Mom and me, sentenced my Mom to permanent imprisonment in the Milford house of her abductor Jay Gray under the ownership of themselves and their crony's, that being a permanent, illegally installed Guardian ad Litem, and a permanently installed involuntary conservator of estate, and a permanently installed involuntary conservator of person, and a permanently installed involuntary attorney who was forced upon my mother against her will or consent as installed when they illegally terminated the Connecticut attorney that she already had when she was abducted.

Each of these court-appointed owners of my mother also has their own court-appointed attorneys to represent them in court against my mother's interests. Jay Gray and my mother's predatory former attorneys from years ago, who are now, per probate judges, in place as my mother's opponents in representing Jay Gray against her, also are permanently in place via these probate judges, to receive continued pay for themselves to operate against her as they had been for years in having secretly been colluding with Jay Gray in robbing her of millions of dollars' worth of assets in the years prior to the current Probate court theft and robbing of her estate.

All of these predators are being paid to do this to her via the probate court seizure of my mother's formerly \$6 million dollar estate that was completely and solely earned by the mother- daughter business that Mom and I created and built together in working 60-80 hour weeks together since 1971. As seized by this predatory racket, seized by them in this stripping her of all civil rights and all assets as they sentenced this fully mentally capable and competent visiting Florida home - owning domiciliary into their involuntary conservatorship and guardianship, as they have involuntarily seized, liquidated and redistributed into their own pockets her assets at the rate of \$700,000.00 per year; this being the amount being robbed by them from her annually to pay themselves to do this to her and can verified in one such Fiduciary Report that I am providing. They have created a permanent Order of Protection against me, her loving daughter from ever seeing my imprisoned mother again, even as I am her legally designated POA, Health Care Proxy, future chosen conservator in case of future incapacity, etc. As my mother is kept in total isolation and prevented all contact with anyone outside of the imprisonment in the Milford house of her abductor Jay Gray, the order also includes any prevention from any communication between Mom and me as she is court-prohibited from making any audio or written communication with me as I am likewise prohibited from any communication at all with her. The probate prisoner Dolores Gray is prohibited by court order from making any and all outside contact with me in any form. Mom is in such dark and desperate despair that she seeks suicide to escape.

This is what the guardianship and conservatorship industry of Connecticut is all about; it is a vile predatory racket of cronies who operate for one purpose only; to prey upon vulnerable targets so as to grab their assets for themselves. Connecticut is currently ranked as the worst state in America in many categories; Connecticut is ranked as the most corrupt state in America, Connecticut is ranked as having the worst fiscal budget performance of American states, Connecticut has more residents fleeing for relocation into other states than any other American state, Connecticut is ranked dead last as state to retire in per Connecticut's rank as having the most corrupt and predatory probate/ guardianship racket of all fifty states, a racket so corrupt and dirty that Yale Law Professor John Langbein testified to you folks here in the Connecticut Legislature that the only recourse, the only solution to addressing this irredeemably malignant and irredeemably corrupt predatory racket is to completely eliminate the corrupt predatory racket that is the Connecticut Probate and fold the operation and power these predators own into the real court system.



to
Guardian
Abuse

Welcome to NASGA!

Guardianship/Conservatorship is Bad for
your health and wealth!

GOOD LAW - GONE BAD!

The purpose of the law - known both as guardianship and conservatorship

is to "GUARD" and "CONSERVE"

- * To GUARD "Incompetent" people against harming themselves or others;
- * To CONSERVE their assets and property (by means of prudent investment; and
- * To PROTECT the taxpaying public from that individual becoming a "public charge."

BUT SOMETHING'S GONE TERRIBLY WRONG!

Over the years, a growing uncaring and unjust judicial system has helped convert guardianship/conservatorship from an appropriate law to one which, if misused, is damaging to the general public. At present, it operates to ensnare the most vulnerable people in a larger and larger trawling net, now including those merely physically "incapacitated". It has become a feeding trough for unethical lawyers and other "fiduciaries" appointed by the courts to protect, but many of whom become nothing more than predators.

Wards, instead of being protected by the system, are victimized by it. Strangers are given total and absolute control of life, liberty, and property of their wards. Wards of the state lose all rights involving self-determination, including:

- the right to contract, including the right to choose a lawyer; DONE TO ME
- the right to control their assets and make financial decisions; DONE TO ME
- the right to remain in their own home and protect it from sale; DONE TO ME
- the right to protect and enjoy their personal property; DONE TO ME
- the right to choose where to live; DONE TO ME
- the right to accept or refuse medical treatment, including psychotropic drugs; DONE TO ME
- the right to decide their social environments and contacts; DONE TO ME
- the right to assure prompt payment of taxes and liabilities; DONE TO ME
- the right to vote; DONE TO ME
- the right to drive; DONE TO ME
- the right to marry; and
- the right to complain. DONE TO ME

These
BASTARDS
HAVE
Destroyed
"MY LIFE"
They HAVE
ROBBED ME
OF MY
LIFETIME
HARD EARNED
MONEY
AND
TAKEN MY
Freedom
From ME.
Please, Please
Help me. HOME
Dolma K. Gray
5960 30th Ave S
GULFPORT, Florida,
BUT I am CAPTIVE

in 67 meadowside Ave Milford, Ct.

Judge KURMAY
and
Judge Streit-
KEFALAS →
are
CORRUPT!

Judge Kurnay
gave me to
his "Friend"
MISS CAMERA
against my
wishes.
She stole
EVERYTHING
my Daughter
and I owned
in my Milford
Home.

She has taken
more than
2 million dollars
of my money and
assets for her-
self, Jay Gray,
and HER FRIENDS (Amy T & D ISCO,

MATTHEW PETERSON, ROBERTA LITVINOFF

Judge STREIT-KEFALAS, has kept me as a
PRISONER in Milford, Ct. when I live in Gulfport, Fla.

June 30, 2011
Abbas K. May

After being stripped of all their rights, wards are left defenseless and subject to exploitation by the very people chosen to protect them; they are now invisible and voiceless.

Uncaring/corrupt judges misuse the law and engage in blatant due process, civil/human rights violations. Victims aren't always given notice of hearings at which their competence will be adjudicated, aren't always allowed to attend, and often don't have lawyers. If the court does appoint lawyers, often they are too closely affiliated with other professionals who make their living in this special area, and do not properly represent the victims' interests. Corrupt judges do not apply the required evidentiary standards in making adjudications of incompetency, and frequently fail to obey the protective statutes, or include specific findings of fact.

Homes are sold to insiders at below market! Contents - family heirlooms, jewelry, photographs, etc. - disappear, either stolen outright or sold at auction. Estate assets are rapidly paid out to the fiduciaries in exorbitant "fees" and "commissions" until there is nothing left!

"Fiduciaries" are given power of life and death, burying their wards in nursing homes where they are kept chemically restrained with unnecessary and dangerous drugs; family members are denied any say in their care, and sometimes denied visitation, except under guard at their own expense!

Hard to believe this is happening in America? Believe it!
AND GUESS WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE COURT-APPOINTED FIDUCIARIES TAKE EVERYTHING AND LEAVE THEIR WARDS WITH NOTHING? A shocking twist: the American Taxpayer, whom these statutes are supposed to protect, is actually now PAYING THE TAB FOR THEIR CONTINUED LIFELONG CARE UNDER MEDICAID while the people who are "licensed to steal" enjoy their unearned and unjust enrichment. INSTEAD OF PROTECTING THE PUBLIC INTEREST, GUARDIANSHIP HAS INDEED BECOME A BURDEN TO THE TAXPAYER! an extremely ironic, costly, and appalling consequence of a good law gone bad! Some fiduciaries claim that what they're doing (while filling their pockets) is to "spend down" the assets specifically to qualify the ward for Medicaid! That's not what the law intended!

I am Dolores K. Gray. I am 81 years of age. I am a target and victim of the most corrupt and dirty PROBATE COURT RACKET in the United States; the PROBATE RACKET in the State of Ct.

I am a two year target and victim of the two most corrupt Judges in this RACKET-

Storford Probate Judge Hummer and Milford Probate Judge Strait - Keplase.

These bad judges have so abused their power that they have taken from me all of my money and my financial assets of Millions of Dollars. They have taken the entire life-long contents of my Milford home and they have taken away all of my personal CIVIL RIGHTS, putting full power over me, MY MONEY, and MY LIFE into the hands and pockets of their friends and cronies and their fellow inside members of this RACKET.

They have held me as a PRISONER in the MILFORD HOUSE of JAY GRAY the son that I had written out of my life completely two years ago upon my agonized realization of his

Years of stealing so much from me.
 "They" have inflicted such unbearable,
 unending torment upon me for ten years,
 they have taken from me everything I
 own; they have so DESTROYED MY
LIFE and the Life of my daughter,
 I say, that I have only wanted to die,
 to end it all.

"They" are CRIMINALS getting away
 with Destroying Life; All for one
 reason to take away everything that
 I have worked so hard for in my 8 years.

"They" all are interested in only one
 thing - taking my money for themselves

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This is Dolores K. Gray of 5960 30th Ave South
GULFPORT, FLORIDA.

This material is just a small amount of
the evidence, documentation and proof
of what has been done to me and to all
my hard-earned money by the parasites
who have taken everything away from me
and have destroyed my life. My sons,
Jay and Leigh, the dirty, greedy lawyers
and all the gang members in the
conspiracy of THIEVES that is the
corrupt, dirty Probate RACKET of CT.

This dirty RACKET targets and preys
upon innocent victims like me.

In addition to Jay and Leigh and the
dirty Attorney's Larry Engleman and
Frederick Krug, here are the names
of Probate Court RACKET GANG Members
that have taken my money and MY LIFE
away from me for their OWN HUGE Profit:

- STRATFORD PROBATE JUDGE KURMAY
- MILFORD PROBATE JUDGE STREET KEFALAS
- CONSERVATOR KATRINA CAMERA - KURMAY'S "FRIEND"
- ATTORNEY KEVIN KELLY - KURMAY'S FRIENDS
- CT. PROTECTIVE SERVICES AGENT CHET WALTERS
- AMY TODTSCO - KURMAY'S FRIEND, MY ENEMY
- ATTORNEY MATTHEW PETERSON - MY ENEMY
- ATTORNEY BRAD GALLANT - ROBERTA LITVINOFF'S FRIEND
- CONSERVATOR ROBERTA LITVINOFF - MY ENEMY
- ATTORNEY BARRY HOROWITZ - MONEY GRABBING FRAUD

CITIZENS OF STATE OF CONNECTICUT

&

CITIZENS OF OTHER STATES VISITING IN CONNECTICUT

DID YOU KNOW:

YOU ARE COMPLETELY VULNERABLE TO A PREDATORY & CORRUPT INDUSTRY - THE PROBATE INDUSTRY STRIPPING YOU OF ALL OF YOUR CIVIL RIGHTS AND ALL OF YOUR ASSETS WHILE YOU ARE PHYSICALLY LOCATED IN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT?

CONNECTICUT IS RANKED AS HAVING THE MOST PREDATORY AND CORRUPT PROBATE RACKET OF ALL FIFTY STATES?

CONNECTICUT PROBATE JUDGES/ELDER LAW ATTORNEYS ARE CONSIDERED AS HAVING THE MOST COLLUSIVELY CORRUPT RACKET OF ALL FIFTY STATES?

CONNECTICUT PROBATE JUDGES ARE MEMBERS OF A COMPLETELY JUDICIALLY INDEPENDENT, COMPLETELY SELF-REGULATING AND COMPLETELY SELF-CONTAINED BRANCH IN CONNECTICUT LAW YET HOLD TOTAL JUDICIAL IMMUNITY FOR ALL OF THEIR ACTIONS?

THESE CONNECTICUT PROBATE JUDGES CAN - AND REGULARLY DO - STRIP TARGETED PERSONS OF ALL OF THEIR CIVIL RIGHTS AND ALL OF THE CONTENTS/ASSETS OF THEIR ESTATES BY THEIR DECLARING OF ANY PERSON THAT THEY AND THEIR "INTERESTED PARTIES" HAVE SELECTED/TARGETED TO BE "MENTALLY INCOMPETANT" PER THEIR OWN DISCRETION; BY DECREEBING ANY SUCH TARGETED PERSON AS BEING PHYSICALLY SITUATED IN CONNECTICUT TO BE INVOLUNTARILY DECLARED AS RESIDING IN CONNECTICUT AND THEREFORE SUBJECT TO THE PROBATE JUDGE'S DECLARATION OF "MENTAL INCOMPETENCE" AND THUS SUBJECT TO SUBSEQUENT INVOLUNTARY STRIPPING OF ALL FREEDOM, ALL CIVIL RIGHTS AND ALL ASSETS BY THIS PROBATE JUDGE PER CONNECTICUT PROBATE LAW, A LEGAL PRE-EXISTING ESTATE PLAN /WILL CAN BE COMPLETELY OVER-RIDDEN?

CONNECTICUT PROBATE JUDGES, WITH COMPLETE DISREGARD OF REQUIRED DUE PROCESS PER FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONAL LAW, CAN THEREFORE PERMANENTLY AND IRREVERSIBLY TAKE AWAY ALL CIVIL RIGHTS AND ALL FREEDOM AND SEIZE ALL ASSETS FROM A MEDICALLY EXAMINED AND DIAGNOSED MENTALLY "CAPABLE AND COMPETANT" TARGET AS DECIDED AT THE PROBATE JUDGE'S "OWN DISCRETION" AND WITH COMPLETE JUDICIAL IMMUNITY FOR THESE ACTIONS PER THEIR RULES IN THEIR CONNECTICUT PROBATE ASSEMBLY'S SELF-COMPOSED SELF-EMPOWERING RULEBOOK OF PROBATE LAW FOR CONNECTICUT?

THE PROBATE JUDGE CAN AND WILL THEN GRANT TOTAL POWER AND OWNERSHIP OVER THE TARGET VICTIM AND THE TARGET VICTIM'S ASSETS TO THE JUDGE'S CHOSEN APPOINTEES; ALL THE DESIGNATED ATTORNEYS, CUSTODIANS, CARE-GIVERS, GUARDIANS, INVOLUNTARY CONSERVATORS, INTERNMENT FACILITES, ETC - WHO MAY THEN FORCIBLY INTERN THE TARGET VICTIM INTO UNWILLING CAPTIVITY AND CONFINEMENT IN ANY PLACE OF THEIR'S & THE PROBATE JUDGE'S CROSHING, - AND THEY ALL MAY SEIZE AND PLUNDER THE ENTIRE FINANCIAL ESTATE OF THE VICTIM WITH COMPLETE IMPUNITY, PER THE POWER OF THE PROBATE LAW OF CONNECTICUT IN WHAT IS CALLED "INVOLUNTARY REALLOCATION OF ASSETS" - "IRA" -?

A CONNECTICUT PROBATE JUDGE THEREFORE CAN, PER POWER OF PROBATE LAW OF CONNECTICUT, ORDER THAT A VICTIM'S ASSETS THEN BE USED, COMPLETELY AGAINST THE VICTIM'S DESIRES, WILL OR CONSENT, TO THEN PAY THE "FEES" OF THE PROBATE JUDGE & ALL THE JUDGE'S APPOINTED CRONYS WHO ARE THE MEMBERS OF THIS CONNECTICUT PROBATE/ELDER LAW/NURSING HOME RACKET. FEES ARE ALL TAKEN AND PAID TO ALL OF THEM IN THEIR SIMULTANEOUS, PERMANENT POSITIONS AS ATTORNEYS, CARE-GIVERS, CUSTODIANS, GUARDIANS, INVOLUNTARY CONSERVATORS OF PERSON, INVOLUNTARY CONSERVATORS OF ESTATE (ASSETS)?

AND - THE PROBATE JUDGE CAN AND DOES THEN ALSO ALLOW ALL OF THESE HANDLERS THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS - WITH ALL OF THE PAYMENT FEES TO THESE HANDLERS ALSO BEING TAKEN OUT OF THE COMPLETELY CAPTIVE VICTIM'S ASSETS SO THAT THEY MAY FULLY PRESERVE THE SITUATION OF INVOLUNTARY CAPTIVITY AND SEIZURE OF ASSETS AND THE VICTIM CANNOT POSSIBLY OPPOSE OR ESCAPE ANY OF WHAT IS BEING DONE?

THE CAPTIVE VICTIM IS THUS ROBBED OF ALL ASSETS SO AS TO PAY THESE PREDATORS FOR THEIR "SERVICES" OF STRIPPING THE VICTIM OF ALL CONSTITUTIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS AND FREEDOM AND FOR THEIR "SERVICES" OF THEIR SEIZURE OF ALL THE VICTIM'S FINANCIAL ASSETS SO AS TO TRANSFER THE ASSETS INTO THEIR OWN POCKETS.

Guardianships, Conservatorships and Abuse: The Probate Industry

Norma Carpenter shuffles through family photos of her mother, whom she has been unable to see since last Christmas. Norma, nurse and school board member, visited her 82-year-old mother regularly at a personal care home. The two would walk hand in hand through the home, stopping to hug each other.

Then, in October 2012, Norma was banned from visiting or calling her mother, Mary Little, who has dementia. Her visits, she was told, left her mother "sad and depressed."
In December, Norma discovered that her mother had been moved nearly 100 miles away to a nursing home.

All of these decisions were made by a court-appointed guardian/conservator.

"It's terrible. I mean, you can't see the person who loved you and raised you and she needs us now more than ever," Norma said.

Guardianships are especially open to abuse because there is little regulation or oversight.

While guardianships are needed for those who can no longer care for themselves, they also require individuals to surrender all their rights -- in some cases to a total stranger.

In Norma's case, a probate judge appointed a nonprofit agency as guardian over Mary.

From there, an agency caseworker had the power to decide where she lived, what she ate, what medical treatment she received, and who she saw.

"You've got an elderly, frail woman who's being torn between children, who has had her life turned upside down and thrown all about."
"She doesn't know how to make this controversy end."

An industry with little scrutiny

The National Center for State Courts estimated there were 1.5 million active guardianships/conservatorships in the U.S. in 2011.

Some cases reviewed by PublicSource show the difficulties that guardianships/conservatorships often bring:

For the past five years, Rita Denmark, a lifelong Pennsylvanian, has been a captive ward of a Floridian guardian. In late 2007, two of Rita Denmark's children filed for guardianship of their mother in two different states -- one in Pennsylvania, where Rita was a lifelong resident, another in Florida. The dispute came to a head while Rita was visiting her son in Florida.

Attorneys engaged by the two children suggested an independent guardian serve "for a short time."

Now, Rita has been an unwilling ward of a guardian in Port Orange, Fla., for more than five years. Her daughter, Holly Pepper, has been trying to bring her 82-year-old mother back home.

The guardian has billed nearly \$94,000 from Rita's estate.

"I had no idea how dangerous guardianship is" Holly said.

Shelley Kuziak said she was the primary caregiver for her mother, Miriam Kuziak, for several years. But through her engagement of the probate court, Shelley's sister became guardian in 2006. The sisters' opinions on how to care for their mother differed. Shelley said she repeatedly fought in court for visitation after being accused of coercing her mother to accept medical treatment. Shelley was not permitted to visit her mother in the years leading up to her 2008 death at age 77.

Three people coercively brought Grace Connors, who was suffering from dementia, across country from her home in California in 2001. One of them obtained a fraudulent power of attorney to control her assets. Daughter Mary Claire Connors, who had cared for her mother in California, traveled east to reclaim her, but a probate judge appointed a nonprofit agency as guardian. Mary Connors said that, under guardianship, her mother's estate was depleted and she was not allowed to visit without supervision. She said she spent at least \$100,000 and went bankrupt trying to get her mother back. Grace died in 2006 at age 85.

Guardianship, Mary said, is "ownership of a human being There is no escape."

Elaine Renoire, president of the National Association to Stop Guardian Abuse, said the group hears horror stories daily about people who can afford home/family care being unwillingly forced into other facilities and all of their assets seized and liquidated; wives being denied a say in the medical treatment of husbands, family photos and heirlooms trashed or sold...

Lack of oversight is repeatedly cited as guardianship's biggest problem.

Renoire said the lax oversight has allowed the unscrupulous to manipulate a good law -- meant to protect the elderly and others from abuse and neglect -- into a profit industry.
Too often, guardianship "promises to 'protect' them into indigence," she said.

Most states don't keep tabs on how many residents have guardians/conservators. However, individual county courts typically have an idea.
As of late 2010, a Federal Government Accountability Office report said, only 11 states required professional guardians to be certified.

"The victims need a voice; "A lot of it is unethical. What would you want someone to do on behalf of you?"

Regardless of any qualified Medical Evaluation and Diagnosis of Mental Competency, it is a probate judge that must be asked and who has full power to make the final decision to determine whether a person is able to make sound decisions about finances, health and safety. It is this probate judge who can override a Medical Diagnosis of Competency and chose and appoint guardians/conservators to have full control over a person and full control over their assets, thus enabling this judge and these court-selected appointees total and unrestricted access to the unwilling ward's assets.
Thus, an appointee can be a friend, family member of the person or of the judge, can be a professional guardian/conservator associate of the judge, can and often is a total stranger to the unwilling ward.
(And full background checks are not required).

The probate judge decides what fees these court-forced guardians/conservators can collect.
Only the probate court can review a guardianship at any time and it is only the court who may choose to revise, remove or sanction the guardians/conservators.

Norma Carpenter, 55, would have to ask for the court to review her complaint that her mother was unwillingly placed in a facility and then moved so far away that it is too costly for her to visit.
She believes her mother is being isolated and her assets depleted under an unnecessary guardianship, she said. But her main concern is first getting her mother moved to a closer facility as the court keeps her mother in unwilling interment in this court-selected facility.

"I should be taking care of her after she took care of me for so many years and was such a good grandmother," she said.
"We want to do what families are supposed to do."

Daniel Gross, an eighty-six-year-old resident of New York, went to a Connecticut hospital for treatment of leg problems and ended up, as a result of a conservator's appointment, a locked ward of a nursing home where he unnecessarily remained for almost ten months. During that time, Gross charges that his assets were dissipated:

Connecticut Conservatorship

How Can This Happen? ??

Losing Control: Bringing Maydelle Home

Maydelle Trambarulo's expected 30 to 60 stay in Connecticut lasted over three years:

New Haven Probate Judge Jack Keyes ordered her estate to pay for two lawyers to defeat her family's attempts to get her freed!

Judith Desautell was forced into a nursing home, and her house was sold to pay for it. Her things were thrown out, her cat was taken to the pound and only 10 garbage bags of her belongings were kept—a haphazard collection of clothes (no shoes, no coats), a dead plant and some material scraps: Losing Control

If you are elderly and you are driving through or visiting relatives in Connecticut and become sick, Official Connecticut wants to rip you and your heirs off:

It is unsafe for Americans to live or even drive through Connecticut!

The as-yet unsuccessful push to substantially reform the state's Probate Court system in the past has been repelled by studies showing parts of it to be inefficient, inequitable and, in some cases, unprofessional: Probate woes becoming expensive, too

Rose Quattro: A phalanx of court-appointed lawyers — acting on her behalf and on her dime — is fighting 88 year old Rose Quattro and desire to live her remaining days with her son. "Criminals receive better treatment than Quattro":

nameful Abuse Of Probate

Margot Claus: Alarmed German authorities are asking for an investigation into how Margot Claus, a German citizen, was taken from New York and moved to Connecticut. A probate court judge in February named a North Haven woman, Linda Eger, conservator of Claus' sizable estate:

Probate Abuses Yet Again

Death and taxes are said to be the two things in life that are inevitable but in Connecticut you can add going through the probate court system as well. The system is running out of money and if someone in your family dies in the near future, you will probably pay more because of it:

Calls to revamp probate system in state:

"When citizens of our state ask me about Connecticut probate, I give this simple advice:

Try not to die in Connecticut"

The Scandal of Connecticut's Probate Courts

According to an article about Daniel Gross who was placed in a Connecticut conservatorship even though he had no legal connection to Connecticut, Yale Law School Professor John Langbein had this to say:

"The probate system rewards the judges' pals."

"These courts are venal and disgraceful."

"These aren't real judges."

"These people have no training or background in the procedures and evidence appropriate to ventilating issues of liberty."

Fishy Smell in Connecticut | 1 Judge James Lawlor, the probate court administrator, gets the boot

National Association to Stop Guardian Abuse Connecticut

A public benefit civil rights organization founded by victims and for victims

Fishy Smell in Connecticut

CONNECTICUT PROBATE JUDGES

Judge James Lawlor, the probate court administrator, gets the boot — or rather, “made a decision to retire,” according to Chief Court Administrator Barbara M. Quinn. What message does that send to our 117 different probate courts that have been excoriated for trampling the civil rights of the old, frail and impoverished?

Lawlor has been the man pushing for change from inside, dragging renegade probate court judges kicking and screaming into the modern age, leading the charge to force them to conduct proceedings on the record, to stop them from rewarding cronies, to open for business at convenient hours and to remind all involved that probate is a court, not a feeding trough for lawyers.

John Langbein, Sterling Professor of Law and Legal History at Yale Law School:

“His ouster shows the arrogance of the probate judges”

“They don’t want reform, they want to keep their cushy little empires, and they will fight off even modest reforms”

“The legislature has to stand up to these guys if there is to be real reform”

Full Article and Source:

Reformer’s Exit Smells Fishy (<http://www.courant.com/news/local/columnists/hc-rgreen0718.artjul18,0,3695598.column>)

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See also:

Court Administrator Resignation (<http://nasga-stopguardianabuse.blogspot.com/2008/07/court-administrator-resignation.html>)

<http://nasga.wordpress.com/2008/07/18/fishy-smell-in-connecticut/>

A good explanation as to how elders are abused by petitions for guardianship - Boomers Against Elder Abuse

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A good explanation as to how elders are abused by petitions for guardianship. If deemed incapacitated by the court, an elder's constitutional rights to freedom, money, and independent legal recourse can be stripped. Assets are then seized and spent by others for their own enrichment. It happens every day! It could happen to you! <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eLaJB7mffOY>

How A Fraudulent Guardianship/Conservatorship Commences And Continues

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Step One: Eminent danger —The initial court petition

The professional guardian (or conservator), with the assistance of her attorneys, commences the embezzlement process by filing an emergency petition in the probate courts to become the "emergency" "temporary" guardian.

Florida guardianship statutes (Chapter 744), like many states, require that there be an "eminent danger" in order for the petitioner to become the "emergency temporary guardian."

The guardian oftentimes fabricates the "eminent danger" by stating that there is a neighbor or relative or stranger who is taking advantage of the elderly person. In some cases, this may be a somewhat true statement, albeit an exaggerated claim. In most cases, upon further investigation, there has been no "eminent danger" whatsoever.

Step One takes away all of the victim's civil rights and therefore gives the guardian and her attorneys full control over the victim and his or her assets.

Step Two: The examining committee

Once the professional guardian has taken control of the victim on a temporary basis the emergency temporary guardianship order expires. Medical "professionals" step in to "verify" the allegation of mental incapacity. Oftentimes, the victim is administered a cocktail of psychotropic drugs to enhance the claims that he or she is incompetent.

"Ward" Elizabeth Faye Arnold, for instance, stated, "They put me on drugs that made me feel very drunk. I couldn't even remember my name. Now that they have all my money, they don't medicate me that way anymore." One of the three medical professionals must be a psychiatrist and the victim is generally always found to be mentally incapacitated. The guardian usually has her own set of medical professionals that she utilizes on a regular basis. For instance, one professional guardian is married to a medical doctor and therefore has an entire fleet of medical professional associates available to her.

Back in the courtroom, soon after the medical professionals file their reports, there is a capacity hearing. The victim seldom is permitted to attend this hearing. The judge quickly scans the medical examinations that "verify" that the victim is "mentally and/or physically incapacitated." The judge then signs an order that gives the professional guardian full and permanent legal authority over the victim's person and property.

Step Three: The "feast" begins

Property is sold for below market value and the deeds switch and switch several times, (kick backs are common, suspected). Bank accounts, annuities, stocks, and Certificates of Deposit are liquidated into one big guardianship account. Out of this large bank account, the guardian is expected to pay all the victim's, but bills oftentimes go unpaid.

How the victim's money is spent

1. Attorney's fees and guardianship fees for "Services Rendered to 'Benefit' the 'Ward'"

A large part of the victim's money is spent on attorney's fees and guardian's fees. As long as there is ample money in the victim's guardianship account, the guardian and her attorney cohorts will file motion upon motion after motion to the courts, such as:

- A motion to sell the ward's furniture.
- A motion to liquidate stocks and Certificates of Deposit.
- A motion to transfer the ward to a different nursing home.
- A motion to sell the ward's homesteaded house.
- A motion to open up a safety deposit box.

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Each motion can cost the "ward" in excess of \$2,000 because the motion must be written, researched, filed, and then a hearing is scheduled. Oftentimes, the motions cost more than what is being petitioned for.

2. Puffing the monthly budget

3. Selling the "Ward's" personal belongings for below market value then pocketing the difference

The guardian underestimates the amount of the sale of personal items, such as jewelry, paintings, and antiques, for the purpose of the court record inventories, then is free to keep the difference. There is little and often no court oversight.

4. Bills are simply not paid

Oftentimes, the bills of the "ward" are not even paid. When the "ward" dies, the guardian simply places an ad in an obscure newspaper, if there is money left for an estate to be probated. Assuming creditors do not see the ad and file a claim against the estate within 30 days, their claims are forever barred and so the guardian was able to fool creditors and abscond with the money and not have to pay any of the bills. If she is caught, she simply pays the bills of the creditors who caught her. This frequently includes Medicaid.

5. Accounting is not accurate

The guardian claims a much lower amount of liquid assets than what the victim is actually worth and then pockets the rest.

Examples:

- Julie Sweeten—\$400,000.00 estate with an alleged \$80,000.00 remaining when Sweeten died. More than \$300,000.00 was spent in three years.
- Louise A. Falvo started off with approximately \$800,000.00. Two months into the guardianship, her guardian filed an accounting with the court stating that Falvo was worth only \$672,000.00. Shortly thereafter, a bank statement from Bank of America stated that Falvo now had \$449,000 after all accounts had been liquidated. So, approximately \$200,000 turned up missing.

6. Fake wills

In this scenario, the guardian claimed that Julie Sweeten desired to leave her estate to her bank. A forged will was entered into the record. Wachovia Bank trustee was then given \$80,000 from the uncontested, probated estate.

Step Four: The mysterious deaths

Once the funds have been spent, the "ward" oftentimes suddenly dies.

The "ward" dies when there is still plenty of money — if a huge probate battle can commence, thereby further enriching the attorneys and guardian.

Examples:

Carlisle Bosworth died soon after his \$250,000 had been spent.

James Deaton — \$5 million, three years in probate — \$3 million in attorney's fees with a pittance finally paid out to his family members

NASGA, National Association to Stop Guardianship Abuse, has adopted a three part theme to succinctly describe the legally sanctioned exploitative guardianship process:

Isolate, Medicate, Take the Estate."

Predatory guardians: How courts are allowing professional guardians/conservators to rob your assets

Examples:

- Marie Long was worth \$1.3 million when she suffered a stroke and came under the "protection" of a professional guardian. Three short-years later, she is penniless and subsisting off of a meager social security pension and Medicaid.
- Louise A. Falvo, 91, had accumulated nearly one million dollars when she was placed under a guardianship that was commenced with a forgery of her daughter's signature by a probate attorney. Within three months, Louise A. Falvo was dead. Two and a half years later, the guardianship remains open. The guardian and her attorneys have, to date, been awarded by the judge more than \$350,000.00 of Falvo's estate — "to benefit the ward" — who is deceased.
- Corretta Brown was placed under guardianship when the Department of Children and Families discovered that her home was uninhabitable. Today, Brown is deceased, her assets have disappeared (more than \$100,000), and all of her debts — totaling more than \$75,000 in nursing home costs, remain unpaid. The professional guardian, it was discovered, was not licensed and has since fled the state of Florida with Brown's assets.
- Marie Sandusky signed a power of attorney to guarantee that her beloved daughter, and not her rejected son, would manage her financial affairs and health care directives. Today, Sandusky has a court-appointed guardian who has spent more than \$300,000 of Sandusky's money in attorney's fees. The reason? Sandusky's rebuked son hired an attorney and together they made false allegations against Sandusky's beloved daughter. As the "wheels of justice" move forward, Sandusky's money is legally used to fund the frivolous feud.
- Debra Duffield, 58, has been under the control of a professional guardian for the last four years. She was only 54-years old when an involuntary guardianship was petitioned against her by a professional guardian who gleefully discovered (tipped off by a social worker) Duffield's substantive worth when Duffield was hospitalized for anorexia and a broken hip. During the last four years, the vast majority of her assets have been converted to attorney and guardian fees. Duffield, who was diagnosed as merely bipolar, had allegedly been financially exploited by a friend — hence, the rationale for the guardianship. She is confined to a nursing home without rehabilitation. She sits in a bed, smelling of urine and fecal matter, watching television. The guardian and her attorney regularly and steadfastly bill her account for merely "reading her file" or checking on the latest whereabouts of her former girlfriend. Soon, Duffield, who once owned a fabulous house complete with expensive antiques, valuable imported rugs and fine paintings, will be penniless.

When you hear the word "professional guardian," what do you think? Do you think of someone who protects the elderly? Assists them with their daily needs? Guarantees they are protected from financial exploitation and physical neglect?

Think again.

The pristine image of professional court-appointed guardians who allegedly protect the elderly is being challenged. Grass root organizations, such as the National Association to Stop Guardian Abuse (N.A.S.G.A.) and Advocates for National Guardianship Ethics and Reform (A.N.G.E.R.) are claiming that

professional guardians, their attorneys — and even judges — need to be watched.

- May 25, 2010. Latifa Ring of Elder Abuse Victims Advocates addressed the Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security stating, "... exploitation in guardianships is rampant. It is largely kept out of the public eye under the guise of 'protection.'"

"Family members are portrayed as "Osama Bin Laden" or the devil incarnate," David Newman said, a guardian reform advocate.

These "unproven and often false allegations" commence a flurry of legal activity that can only be likened to Charles Dickinson's Bleakhouse. While family members are forced to spend thousands of dollars defending themselves against the false accusations, these same accusers — oftentimes, the professional guardians — handsomely profit from the legal havoc they create.

The guardians need to be watched

The legal contest commences

Instead of making arrangements for their safe return home, Kevin Gallagher suddenly found himself furiously searching for Florida attorneys. Meanwhile, the guardian's legal counsel quickly filed papers to block Kevin's attempts at removing his parents from Florida to Maine. A hotly contested guardianship soon commenced with attorneys from both sides legally authorized to generously pay themselves from the Gallaghers' assets.

"The story is always the same," states Newman, a guardianship reform advocate. *"A family member fights the guardianship; then the family member later wins the contest — when all the assets have been spent in attorneys' fees."*

Three years passed. Kevin found himself switching attorneys four times in an attempt to get the legal nightmare to stop.

Then, suddenly, it did stop. Kevin was declared the winner of the contest.

All of the assets had been spent.

"They then placed my parents on a airplane with a single suitcase with a broken zipper," Kevin stated. *"Inside the suitcase were tattered clothes that had the names of other people in Magic Marker inside the clothes. Everything they had owned — even their clothes — had been sold or trashed by the guardian."*

Both Elsa and Robert died shortly after returning to Maine.

Family feud — or — an open invitation for fraud?

Corrine Branson, 82, had been happily living in Miami Beach with the daily assistance of a CNA when her grandson secretly petitioned the court to become his grandmother's guardian. When Branson learned that she was to be moved into a nursing home, she quickly phoned her beloved daughter, aunt to the grandson, who had been granted a springing power of attorney many years before. Bonnie Reiter, with little knowledge of guardianships or guardianship law, quickly hired an attorney who suggested that a "professional guardian" be appointed during the interim legal contest.

It turned out that the guardian he suggested works with him on a regular basis. Reiter fired her attorney, hired another, and then moved for a court hearing which her mother planned to attend.

"Two weeks prior to the hearing, my mother ended up mysteriously dead," Reiter stated.

The guardianship remained open after Branson's death with Reiter, alone, having spent \$130,000.00 in attorneys' fees.

"They took more than \$800,000 of my mother's money in attorneys' fees. The guardianship, in which my mother had never even been declared mentally incapacitated, lasted less than three months. This is a racketeering scheme that needs to be investigated. The F.B.I. should step in."

Different Names, Same Story

- An Orange County court auditor discovered \$50,000.00 missing three days before the ward died. The judge ordered an "Order to Show Cause." Prior to the hearing, the guardian and her attorney simply brought back the missing money and placed it back with the court. The judge dropped the scheduled hearing.
- Court records show that the guardian received \$12,000 a month to pay the nursing home bills for Carlisle Bosworth. However, the skilled nursing home facility where he was placed charges only \$6,000 a month. No investigation has ever been conducted regarding what happened to the extra \$6,000 per month. Bosworth died shortly after all of his money had been spent.
- Marion Copley was placed on Medicaid — even though her guardian sold her home for more than \$250,000.
- In another case a professional guardian petitioned the court to become an elderly woman's guardian when she discovered the woman had no living relatives. She told the judge that the woman, who was still living independently in her home, had "bats flying all over the inside of the house." The allegation resulted in a guardianship and the victim was removed from her home. Neighbors later stated that they had never seen "bats flying all over the house."
- In yet another case a professional guardian obtained a guardianship over Christian Van Beekum stating that neighbors had exploited him. A quick search of the property records showed that the neighbors who had allegedly exploited Van Beekum had actually sold their home and moved to another state six years prior.
- James Deaton had owned an extensive coin collection, an expensive baseball card collection, and his deceased mother's diamond rings and pearl necklaces, according to relatives. None of these items were ever listed on the guardian's inventory report.
- The Denver Post has several times (2010, 2011) published investigative reports exposing the problems with the probate court there.
- In July 2012 World News posted a video by Lisa Flurie and story about what has been done to her brother Mark in Florida probate courts. Links to many other stories of guardianship/conservatorship fraud are available there as well.

Law enforcement agents, social workers, and judges have been trained to maintain a watchful eye over exploitative family members. Yet no one seems to be guarding the guardians. Family members have complained to local law enforcement, the state attorneys' office, and even the F.B.I. without any significant action being taken.

The problems grow worse with time as the probate courts become ever more dysfunctional.

Take, for example, the recently widely publicized case of Clay Greene and Harold Scull, a gay couple who had cogently cohabitated together for more than 20 years, rendering mutual durable powers of attorney, wills, and other legal declarations upon one another. When Scull, 89, unexpectedly fell onto a stone patio, paramedics were called and the local sheriff department hastily alleged that Greene had intentionally shoved Scull to the ground. Yet, despite the fact that all charges were subsequently dropped, the public guardianship office for Sonoma County used the already disproved physical abuse allegation to commence an involuntary guardianship against Scull. Scull was removed to a nursing home, isolated him from Greene, and the couple's jointly owned property which included valuable paintings, expensive Persian rugs, antiques, silverware, jewelry, and real estate — was sold for far less than appraised value — at least according to the court records. It was later discovered that the items had been sold for far more by the public guardianship office.

These types of guardianship irregularities have sparked a guardianship task force Special Committee on Aging, which reported, "...guardianship...has the potential of harming older adults rather than protecting them... The...continuing reports of the failure of courts...to prevent [financial] exploitation of incapacitated adults by their guardians have long been of concern to this Committee."

Greene sued the public guardianship office who settled with him for approximately \$600,000.00 just days before trial. Amy Todd-Gher, Greene's attorney, stated:

"This victory sends an unmistakable message that all elders must be treated with respect and dignity...and that those who mistreat elders must be held accountable. [But] Even as we celebrate this victory...we are deeply troubled that the Sonoma [County] continues to refuse to take responsibility for their egregious misconduct...We urge every citizen...to demand more oversight of the Public Guardian's office. They need to be watched."

An alarmingly common practice: Is elder financial exploitation by professional guardians and their attorneys a commonplace occurrence?

According to John Caravella, a former detective and office manager for Seniors vs. Crime, a special project of the Florida Attorney General's Office, Gainesville, Florida, the answer is "Yes."

Caravella became simultaneously intrigued and disturbed by the court-sanctioned practices of professional guardians on their "wards" (the legal term dubbed to those who have lost all of their civil rights under court-mandated guardianship) when one of his neighbors mysteriously disappeared shortly after receiving an inheritance of more than a quarter of a million dollars. The neighbor, referred to as "Adele" in Caravella's book, Marked for Destruction, had been falsely induced by a stock broker, whom she had consulted about her fledgling inheritance money, to sign papers that authorized a professional guardian and her attorney to manage Adele's finances — if she should become mentally incapacitated. Within a few weeks, the guardian and her attorney petitioned the court alleging that Adele was not competent to manage her own affairs. The court authorized that she be stripped of all of her civil rights and placed in a nursing home. Soon thereafter, Adele's recently acquired \$250,000+ was quickly consumed by the attorney and guardian for "professional services" fees. And Adele soon passed away.

How it all begins

Kevin Gallagher had a trusted, longstanding pact with his beloved parents: When the time was "right," he would make arrangements for their safe return to Maine where they would reside in assisted living. That "right time" came unexpectedly one day after Sunday services when Robert and Elsa Gallagher became slightly disoriented in traffic when they happen-chanced upon orange cones in a road detour. Kevin and Lisa, delighted to hear that their parents were ready to journey home, began making all of the necessary arrangements. Kevin even phoned his estranged Orlando-based sister, Lori, and asked if she would simply "telephone" Mom and Dad during the interim. The sister, however, consulted the Yellow Pages and telephoned a company, Geriatric Care Management, that specializes in elder care.

The sheriffs arrive

Within 48 hours a professional guardian, and owner of the elder care company, arrived at the Gallagher's doorstep with a court order and two deputy sheriffs. She had hastily petitioned to become the couple's "emergency temporary guardian" after learning of their substantive assets. Upon her arrival, the couple were forcefully removed from their home and placed in separate nursing home facilities. Mrs. Gallagher, hysterical, secretly phoned her daughter-in-law, her speech slurred, crying for help. She had been forcibly administered psychotropic drugs. Three medical professionals quickly examined her while under the influence of the narcotics, and declared both she and her husband simultaneously 100% mentally incapacitated. The temporary guardian was then quickly appointed the permanent, plenary guardian.

The guardians first move was to encumber all of the couple's assets.

Financial Elder Abuse

egregious abuse and by court-appointed

conservators contributes significantly to the widespread incidence of elder financial abuse.

Rarely acknowledged or discussed, the illegal use of an elder's income or assets has become an increasingly common crime.

Sadly, 2014 will bring more instances of elder financial abuse - a societal blight resulting in estimated annual losses of \$2.9 billion. One of every six adults over the age of 65 has been a victim of elder financial abuse.

Women are twice as likely as men to be the victims, especially those who live alone and require assistance with health care or other "activities of daily living."

The 2010 U.S. census recorded the greatest number and proportion of people age 65 and older in history: 40.3 million, constituting 13 percent of the total U.S. population. It is projected that by 2050, people 65 and older will comprise 20 percent of the total U.S. population; the number of victims of elder financial abuse is likely to greatly increase in the years ahead.

FINANCIAL ELDER ABUSE: The illegal or improper use of an elder's income or assets which includes not only outright theft by deception or coercion, but also the intentional or negligent failure to use the elder's resources properly for her support and maintenance.

Also included in ELDER FINANCIAL ABUSE are: breaches of fiduciary relationships, breach of fiduciary duty, such as the misuse of a power of attorney or the abuse of guardianship authority, abuse of conservatorship authority, abuse of power, fraud, misrepresentation, constructive fraud, malfeasance, etc... disturbing recent trend of "offensive" conservatorship proceedings that deprive the elder of her rights and property and often facilitate the disposition of the elder's estate as desired by ill-intentioned parties.

In this context, another unsettling offensive tactic that has emerged in recent years is "granny snatching," by which an elder is removed involuntarily from her home state to another jurisdiction for the sole purpose of filing a conservatorship action there based on her physical presence in that jurisdiction. Sadly, the probate courts are often complicit in this egregious assault and deprivations of rights as the probate/elder law industry of professionals that are involved are collectively intertwined.

court-appointed conservator for the elder;

this may be worst case scenario for the victim whose assets are thus involuntarily placed under total control of an individual who is selected by those who may have self-serving interests. Increasingly, multiple stories of corruption and collusion occurring within this context are coming into light.

How the Goods Are Gotten When the Will Gets in the Way – Estate of Denial

How the Goods Are Gotten When the Will Gets in the Way

Involuntary Redistribution of Assets (IRA)	Guarding Against Guardian Abuse	Trust – Should You?	Final Thoughts
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The looting of estate assets, also known as Involuntary Redistribution of Assets (IRA), can occur through the use of various probate instruments – wills, trusts, guardianships, powers of attorney – and with the actual acts configured in different ways. Guardianships or powers of attorney can provide for estate looting while a person is alive, but asset diversion can be perpetrated posthumously via wills or trusts. Whether these acts are instigated by greedy lawyers, disgruntled family members or wannabe heirs (or often a combination), the sad reality is that death doesn't necessarily bring the closure one might expect. Death, even with the most meticulous of estate plans, in no way ensures the honoring of a decedent's wishes or heirs' avoidance of IRA.

In December 2006, Austin American-Statesman reporter Tony Plobetski wrote a special report entitled *Breach of Trust*. In this article, Plobetski detailed how "Texas estate laws make stealing from the dead a relatively easy crime." These are nothing more than cases of postmortem IRA. He described not only the estate theft activities of Austin attorney Terry Erwin Stock, but Plobetski also pointed out how Texas probate laws do little to ensure that people's belongings reach those designated in the decedent's will. The article also depicted a loose approach to oversight on the part of some probate judges.

The Statesman report prompted law makers to introduce several reform-oriented bills during the 80th Texas Legislative session. Effective September 1, 2007, SB 593, as per the Texas Senate Research Center, requires the personal representative of a decedent's estate, within a certain time period of an order admitting a will to probate to give notice to each beneficiary named in the will whose identity is known or, through reasonable diligence, can be ascertained, and to file an affidavit with the court listing the beneficiaries notified. The bill also set out what the notice must contain which is a good thing as estate administrators previously operating on the "honor system" didn't seem to workout so well. This legislation can seem (and might be) a helpful "first step," but as IRA practitioners routinely ignore laws and bypass normal business/legal courtesies, more than an assumption of compliance is needed.

Stock ultimately plead guilty to three counts of felony theft and in September 2008, was sentenced to 15 years in jail. Attempts to reconcile what's due to each estate continue, but as often happens in these cases, heirs will likely recover few of the assets left to them.

It is important to note the inaccuracy of believing these type situations only occur with high dollar estates. The three estates from which Stock stole had a combined value of less than \$1 million. Another misconception to dispel is the absolute protection provided by "proper estate planning. The estates outlined in the Austin American-Statesman article belonged to people who took the proper steps to ensure the orderly distribution of their assets. They, however, fell victim to IRA due to a betrayal by the attorney they trusted for assistance.

The legal industry won't tell you this, but an estate executor can basically do anything he/she wants with an estate. Realistically, judicial oversight is minimal – most judges believe what attorneys tell them and perform little or no independent follow-up. Heirs believing something is amiss must mount their own challenge. The Stock case was unique in that it was prosecuted as a criminal case, but most heirs pursuing "justice" in an estate dispute are relegated to the civil court system which is a pay-to-play venue open only to those willing and capable of expending significant sums of money for an eye-opening, but rarely confidence-inspiring experience. Steal \$250,000 from a bank, people get excited. Steal the same from an estate, it's hard to get law enforcement or any other officials to care. These points are never lost on today's grave robbers or other property poachers while an unsuspecting heir has no idea the web of deceit and gamesmanship into which they are entering with a civil estate dispute case.

Dishonest estate administrators sometimes contrive a dispute to draw legitimate heirs or beneficiaries into litigation requiring their response to be self-funded while the administrator/executor can use the dispute as justification for additional billing against the estate of his/her time along with legal or other applicable professional services.

The threat of legal action can also be used to pressure heirs into forfeiting or sharing rightful bequests rather than risk being the target of a contrived dispute. It's been called an inheritance litigation tax, but taxation when defined as "illegal use of one's official position or powers to obtain property, funds, or payments" is also an apt description. Either spend time and money fighting or get out – it's that simple, it's that ugly.

As people's entitlement mentality grows, probate has become an excellent venue for weaponization of the legal system by grave robbers, property poachers, asset looters and walker stalkers looking to divert assets in a manner contrary to the stated intentions of honest, hard-working Americans. Losing the ability to determine the final distribution of one's assets is a tragedy for Americans individually, as families and for us as a country in that the intergenerational transfer of assets has historically helped to strengthen our social and economic fabric.

Reform in this area will be difficult as the legal industry is powerful. However, the stories of estate abuse and probate corruption seem to increase almost weekly and as they do, a generally unsuspecting public is starting to awaken to the growing threat to their property rights and to their heirs' rights of inheritance.

Probate Court: Offering Unequal Protection Under The Law

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Welcome to the Hotel Connecticut. Come visit and you can never leave.

Because if you're elderly and frail and don't watch out, there's a probate court judge somewhere out there willing to lock you up in a nursing home. For your own good, of course. Grandma.

Unless something dramatic happens, another session of the General Assembly will slide by without probate reform. Oh, they'll hold hearings again, but don't bet on our elected leaders actually disrupting a system steeped in decades of old-boy politics and favoritism.

So this court system — where even the rules of evidence and recordkeeping are inconsistent and the legal experience of judges is uncertain — marches on, unimpeded.

The latest outrage-of-the-month comes from the Woodbridge probate district, where a judge last year denied a request by the children and husband of an elderly New Jersey woman, Maydelle Trambarulo, that she be allowed to leave a Connecticut nursing facility and return home.

Trambarulo was brought here for treatment in 2004 by a niece. Soon after, the niece went to probate court in Connecticut, and had a conservator appointed to oversee her finances and health care, handing over the 78-year-old New Jersey woman's liberty — and control of her money — to probate.

"The husband is in New Jersey. The wife was brought here for rehabilitation by a relative. Then the relative had her conserved," said John Peters, a lawyer who won freedom for Daniel Gross, a Long Island man held against his will in a Waterbury nursing home.

So I need to add that the Trambarulo estate is worth more than \$1 million and that this fight, if nothing else, continues to provide thousands of dollars worth of work for lawyers.

It doesn't matter that this family could be a dysfunctional mess. It's not up to a Connecticut probate court to decide.

A former West Hartford probate judge who previously represented the Trambarulo family, John Berman, understood this when he said in court papers in December 2005 that the "court lacks jurisdiction to appoint a conservator."

Riford D. Hoyle, the acting judge in Woodbridge, ruled, instead, that he was "not convinced that the respondent's family is willing to make the time commitments necessary to care for her."

Peters, now representing the Trambarulo family, told me that Maydelle "doesn't live here. The judge doesn't have jurisdiction. The fact that you are here doesn't mean you are a resident. She wants to go home."

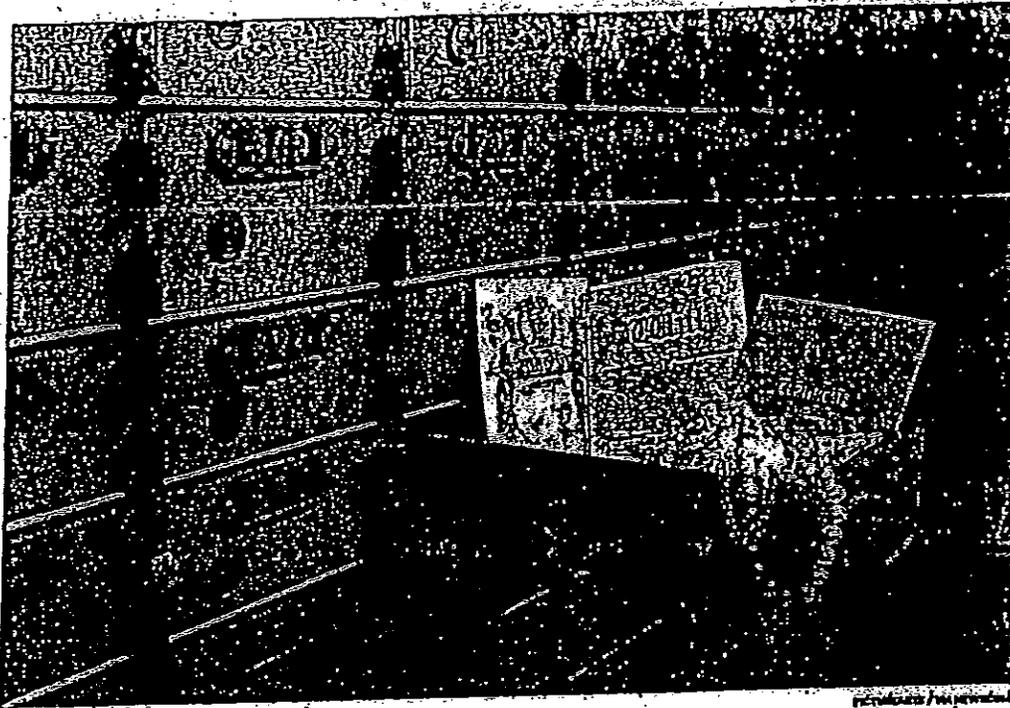
Michael Stark, director of the health law clinic at the Quinnipiac University School of Law, said the legislature must limit the power that probate courts hand to conservators.

"Until I got a glimpse of it, I didn't realize what was at stake and how bad things could go," Stark said. For example, Stark said that once a person has been "conserved" by probate court, it is nearly impossible to remove the conservator.

Form-minded lawyers want basic changes, such as mandating that courts respect previous requests made by the elderly, known as "advance directives." Courts should also follow the rules of evidence and proceedings should be conducted on the record. They also want to make it easier to appeal decisions.

They are going to wade into it and see if there are solutions for it," promised state Sen. Andrew McDonald, the chairman of the judiciary committee. "A lot of this operates in the shadows."

A will can't protect you from the state's predatory probate system, considered a national disgrace



UNNECESSARY PROBATE FEES can reach deep into a person's estate. The state's probate system rewards judges for inflicting make-work on estates.

Don't Die In Connecticut

By JOHN H. LANGBEN

Try not to die in Connecticut. If you are a person of means, you should — lets in life — establish your domicile in some place such as Florida or Maine or Arizona that has a responsible probate system. You can still own a Connecticut home and spend plenty of time here. Indeed, if you place title to your Connecticut home in a Florida trust, your trustee can even live in the house after your

death without going through Connecticut probate.

I am not the only person who gives such advice. If you go for a drive in Connecticut's affluent towns and suburbs in the summer and fall, you'll see all the gray-haired drivers sporting their Florida license plates. Some of these people would leave even if they did not fear Connecticut probate, in order to escape our state income tax and our winter weather. But for many, I am certain, the final straw that causes them to change domicile is the prospect of having their estates ripped off in Connecticut's probate courts. By encouraging these people to leave our state, Connecticut probate carries the stain to lose the income tax and other

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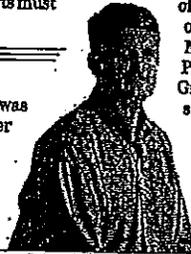
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Another Probate 'Kidnapping'

I bring you another story about a probate-court kidnapping, another warning of the injustices unfolding in this dangerous, antiquated judicial system. The tale of 65-year-old Marilyn Plank is a chilling example of why the renegade probate courts must be reined in.

RICK GREEN

Plank, a mentally and physically fragile woman and lifelong resident of Michigan, was stealthily moved to Greenwich by two of her daughters via private jet in May 2007. She was not a resident of the state of Connecticut. She does not want to be here.



But with the assistance of some slick lawyering, daughter Linda Higgins took control of her mother's assets. Along with another sister, she brought her mother to Greenwich, unbeknownst to three other sisters living elsewhere. One of seven children fighting over control of the family's 1,600-acre ranch in Michigan, Higgins moved the elderly Plank to an assisted living facility in Greenwich. Just days before, she signed a lease in Plank's name. Plank, court documents say, was told she was going to a hotel. She had left her home in Michigan thinking she would visit a grandchild in California for a few

days. Within days of her arrival in May 2007, Greenwich Probate Judge David Hopper appointed Linda Higgins as temporary "conservator of the person" for her mother, based on the fact that there was a lease with Plank's name on it. That means Plank lost her civil rights. "The statute is absolutely clear," Superior Court Judge Joseph T. Gormley Jr. stated in 2006 in the infamous case of Daniel Gross, another victim of probate-sanctioned kidnapping. "You can't appoint a conservator of someone's person unless that person is domiciled in the state of Connecticut or resides in the state of Connecticut."

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"Even through her dementia, Mrs. Plank is consistent in her statements about returning to Michigan," Margenot wrote earlier this year. "A conservator must listen to the wishes of the conserved individual."

"Not only does the evidence support a return to Michigan, it is in her best interest that she do so."

Meanwhile, Plank's expensive care in Connecticut—about \$9,000 per month at the Greenwich facility—and the fees of numerous lawyers working at \$300 and \$400 an hour have steadily depleted her estate. Margenot has concluded that "every day spent in Connecticut

puts Mrs. Plank deeper into financial chaos."

For a time, the three sisters fighting to move Plank back to Michigan hired state Sen. Andrew McDonald as their lawyer, until they ran out of money. McDonald has been at the forefront of probate reform efforts in the legislature, where he co-chairs the judiciary committee.

"There is no question but that this court lacks jurisdiction over Mrs. Plank, a citizen, domiciliary and resident of Michigan," McDonald wrote in a brief filed in July 2007. Plank "has repeatedly expressed to various persons" including her aide, lawyer, pastor and friends that she wants to go home.

Plank, McDonald concluded, "was brought here without her consent, admitted to a nursing

home under the guise that it was a hotel, and has essentially been incarcerated in a locked facility."

Maybe Hopper will reconsider. Perhaps Judge Paul Kinterim, the new administrator of the unwieldy 117-court probate system, will tackle this rogue judiciary.

In the meantime, remember that Marilyn Plank is not an exception. She is a symptom of a sick court system that unblinkingly sanctions and enables the kidnapping of the elderly and infirm.

>> Rick Green's column appears on Tuesdays and Fridays. Read his blog at courant.com/rick.

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Fishy Smell in Connecticut | Judge James Lawlor, the probate court administrator, gets the boot

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Fishy Smell in Connecticut

CONNECTICUT PROBATE JUDGES

Judge James Lawlor, the probate court administrator, gets the boot — or rather, “made a decision to retire,” according to Chief Court Administrator Barbara M. Quinn. What message does that send to our 117 different probate courts that have been excoriated for trampling the civil rights of the old, frail and impoverished?

Lawlor has been the man pushing for change from inside, dragging renegade probate court judges kicking and screaming into the modern age, leading the charge to force them to conduct proceedings on the record, to stop them from rewarding cronies, to open for business at convenient hours and to remind all involved that probate is a court, not a feeding trough for lawyers.

John Langbein, Sterling Professor of Law and Legal History at Yale Law School:

“His ouster shows the arrogance of the probate judges”

“They don’t want reform, they want to keep their cushy little empires, and they will fight off even modest reforms”

“The legislature has to stand up to these guys if there is to be real reform”

Full Article and Source:

Reformer’s Exit Smells Fishy (<http://www.courant.com/news/local/columnists/hc-green0718.artjul18,0,3695598.column>)

Rick Green’s column appears on Tuesdays and Fridays. He can be reached at rgreen@courant.com

See also:

Court Administrator Resignation (<http://nasga-stopguardianabuse.blogspot.com/2008/07/court-administrator-resignation.html>)

<http://nasga.wordpress.com/2008/07/18/fishy-smell-in-connecticut/>

National Association To Stop Guardian Abuse

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2013 

I'm not a lawyer, but I know this

The people are supposed to have constitutionally protected rights and liberties - civil and human - but they are being deprived of those rights in courts across the country responsible for their "best interests."

Those courts are the ones where guardianships and conservatorships are handled - or mishandled?

DUE PROCESS IS BEING DISREGARDED!

And that's because the law is NOT clear and unambiguous.

Due process requires notice, opportunity and a fair and impartial hearing.

It isn't working that way in "protective" proceedings all across the country.

Elderly and disabled people who don't know their rights are being sucked into "The Protection Racket," without notice, and then being abused and financially exploited, even if they receive notice.

A NASGA member was victimized by a judge because there was a word missing from the statute:

Here's the statutory language: "The court may schedule the hearing in less than seven (7) days from the date of service on the respondent; provided, that actual notice of the hearing is given to the closest relative and the respondent."

That should be clear enough for most people: provide notice and then hold a hearing. But because there was a word missing from the statute, the judge took advantage of that omission, despite the fact that HE TEACHES LAW!

What's the missing word? "Prior."

P-R-I-O-R! Prior means "before," as in: You can't take a person's property before he has notice and an opportunity to appear and participate in a hearing.

The law was not terribly unclear - even I understand it: You serve the person FIRST and then you hold a hearing.

Not that judge! He used telephone notice to hold a so-called "hearing" without the victim, after which he had the clerk issue a hearing notice for a future date. By that time, because of an unlawful order by the judge, the victim was no longer in control of his property - control had already been given to a "conservator" - and he could not hire a lawyer!

That judge must have forgotten what he learned in law school. So did the legislators when they amended the law. They left that word out - again!

Dickens said "The law is an ass." No, it's not the law! It's the tricky way the legislators write it!

That's just an example of how due process isn't working in our state courts. Congress promised to protect the elderly

Why aren't they doing it?

By a NASGA member.

An Elderly Man's Lawsuit Could Bring Probate Reform

federal civil rights lawsuit

abused by a probate court that was supposed to protect

A "troubled" appeals court said there was "credence to Gross's allegation that there was a conspiracy to deprive him of his rights." The ruling went on to state that under Connecticut law, "conservators may be liable."

Comments

hamdenlawyer at 2:15 PM October 16, 2011

Mr. Green, Here is one to keep your eye on. Florida resident Dolores Gray being held in Ct. by Milford probate judge Streit-Kefalas. It appears to be large sums of money that is keeping this woman from being returned to her Florida abode. Apparently the feds are just now starting to look into this case that involves two probate judges one from Milford and one from Stratford and a host of attorneys and the conservators. This one is going to get interesting.

To: Judge STREIT-KEFALAS,

It is now 8 months that I have been kept by Jay Gray and you from returning to my home in Florida with my daughter, Jeryl.

You have ordered that I cannot see my daughter, Jeryl at all. You have ordered that I cannot speak with MY daughter, Jeryl, about what you all are doing TO ME, TO MY MONEY, and to MY Rights and Freedom.

You have ordered that I cannot speak with my daughter, Jeryl, about OUR returning to MY HOME in Sulphur, Florida with her (Jeryl), which I have been kept from doing by you for eight months NOW.

You are depriving me of my Rights and I want the GOVERNMENT to save me.

Dolores H. Gray June 2, 2011

My name is Dolores K. Gray.

My Social Security Number is

My date of Birth is March 27, 1930.

My Home residence and domicile is
5960 30th Ave. South
Gulfport, Florida

I desperately need the Government
to rescue me.

I have been held against my will
captive for seven months since
Hallseer night of last year by
my son, Jay Gray in his house in
Milford, Connecticut at
67 Meadowside Rd, Milford.

I came to Connecticut only for
a brief visit last fall.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, A

NOTARY PUBLIC, IN AND FOR COUNTY OF

~~Newtown~~ AND STATE OF CONNECTICUT, THIS

31 DAY OF May 2011

Dolores K. Gray

My Commission Expires
May 31, 2011

NOTARY PUBLIC

I went to visit Jay's house on Halloween to say goodbye to my grand-daughter Jessie, before I returned home to Florida with my daughter Jeryl Gray.

My daughter Jeryl and I built Naturopathic Way Health Foods, our very successful business together, in Stratford, Connecticut starting from NOV 1979 40 years ago.

I always planned to retire by permanently living in my retirement Condo in Gulfport, Florida.

I purchased this Condo years ago for retirement purposes.

Jeryl Gray is my chosen, Legally Designated CARE-Giver and Conservator for Future Incapacity.

The end I, lived together until Jay took me into this unwilling confinement in his house at 67 Meadowside Road, Milford.

Delores K. Gray

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, A
NOTARY PUBLIC, IN AND FOR COUNTY OF
AND STATE OF CONNECTICUT, THIS
1st DAY OF May 2011

My Commission Expires
May 31, 2011

[Signature]
NOTARY PUBLIC

Jay refused to let me leave his confinement and has kept me against my will there in his house for seven months now.

He himself fired my lawyer immediately on Halloween and he hired another lawyer, named Matthew Peterson, who I absolutely did NOT want and still do NOT want today.

Together they forced me to write a new will, which I did NOT want to do.

I insist that the will which I made with Attorney Horowitz in 2009 be my true will. It states my true wishes.

I deny the will made by Jay Gray and Attorney Peterson last fall, in 2010.

Milford Probate Judge Beverly Breit - Kefalas has been and is collaborating with them to KEEP ME TRAPPED in Jay's Milford Connecticut house even though I

Dolores K. Gray

My Commission Expires May 31, 2011

NOTARY PUBLIC, MANDALAY CHURCH, 2011

DESCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME A NOTARY PUBLIC, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF...

NOTARY PUBLIC

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have repeatedly begged Judge Strait-Kepalos to release me so that I may return to my home in Florida with my daughter, Jeryl.

Instead, this Judge has forced three horrible LYING women upon me, as two conservators and a "guardian".

All of them are in together with Jeryl against ME.

All of these women are ROBBING ME, with Jeryl,

of my rights, of my freedom, and my life-time hard-earned money.

None of these people care about me. They only care about taking MY MONEY from ME.

Everyone is keeping me in Connecticut and apart from my daughter, Jeryl, for their own PROFIT.

Dolores [Signature]

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, A NOTARY PUBLIC, IN AND FOR COUNTY OF [Signature] AND STATE OF CONNECTICUT, THIS 21ST DAY OF May 2011
NOTARY PUBLIC

They all have already taken for themselves all of my entire house possessions and contents and they have taken ALMOST THREE MILLION DOLLARS of my hard-earned money.

I have only ever wanted my daughter, Jeryl to be My Conservator over me and my Money if I ever needed any Conservator at all.

I made this VERY CLEAR in my WILL.

This is what my real Will says and I told Attorney Horowitz to make this Will Iron-Clad back in 2009 while I was functioning with a diagnosis of

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, A NOTARY PUBLIC, IN AND FOR COUNTY OF

~~where~~ AND STATE OF CONNECTICUT, THIS

31 DAY OF May 2011

[Signature] Dolores K. Gray

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires May 31, 2011

What I have stated in my
REAL WILL in 2009 is
what I still want today.

I need to return to my
home and domicile in Florida
with my daughter, Jewel.

I feel that I have very little
time left.

I have been tormented so
long and I have been Robbed
of "EVERYTHING."

I cannot take it any
longer.

I would rather die than
continue to be kept like a
CRIMINAL.

PLEASE, PLEASE HELP ME.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, A

NOTARY PUBLIC, IN AND FOR QUINCY OF
COUNTY OF HARTFORD AND STATE OF CONNECTICUT THIS

5th DAY OF May 2011

Witness "K. Gray"

My Commission Expires

NOTARY PUBLIC May 31, 2011

formerly sec. 4577a). Transfer of records upon removal of person under representation.

When any person under voluntary or involuntary representation becomes a settled inhabitant of any town in the state in a probate district other than the one in which a conservator was appointed, and is an actual resident in such district, the court or probate in which the conservator was appointed shall, upon motion of the conservator, the first selectman or the chief executive officer of the town in which the person under conservatorship resides or of the husband or wife or a relative of the person under conservatorship, transfer the file to the probate district in which the person under conservatorship resides at the time of the application. A transfer of the file shall be accomplished by the probate court in which the conservator was originally appointed by making copies of all recorded documents in the court and certifying each of them and then causing them to be delivered to the court for the district in which the person under conservatorship resides. When the transfer is made, the court of probate in which the person under conservatorship resides at the time of transfer shall thereupon assume jurisdiction over the conservatorship and all further accounts shall be filed with such court.

I am Dolores May and
writing this paper in my will
there is having my will
I am writing my will position
I am being kept in Connecticut
Against my will.

I am a Florida resident
I purchased my home in Florida
to move to Florida as a permanent
resident when I retired
I have done this
My HOME NOW IS IN Florida

I live in Florida
I vote in Florida
My Drivers License is in Florida
My car registration is in Florida
I only came to Connecticut last
fall for a visit briefly
Since then I have been kept
in my son, Jay's home against
my will
I want to go home to Florida
with my daughter Jay's immediately
and please to live with her

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ALSO ADMITTED IN TEXAS

May 4, 2011

This corrupt Judge keeps holding quickly scheduled secret ex parte hearings behind my back that neither me nor my Daughter Jeryl are informed about or get invited to attend. But all of my ENEMIES do attend and they all continue to illegally ROB me of all my rights, my freedom, my District of Milford-Orange HOME, and of course, ROB ME OF MY HARD EARNED MONEY. Dolores K. Gray

Ms. Elizabeth Davis
Clerk, Court of Probate
District of Milford-Orange
70 West River Street
Milford, Connecticut 06460

This "Guardian" Amy Todisco was forced upon me by Judge Kurnay at the specific request of Katrina Comera Re: Dolores Gray and Jay Gray for one reason - to help them continue to ROB ME of all my MONEY, ALL MY RIGHTS, MY HOME AND MY FREEDOM.
Dolores K. Gray

Dear Ms. Davis:

I am enclosing my report as Guardian Ad Litem with regard to Dolores Gray and the hearing to be held on May 5, 2011.

I will be in attendance at the hearing tomorrow morning but I may be approximately 15 minutes late for the hearing. Please let Judge Keyes know that I will be a few minutes late. Another Judge who is only interested in helping my ENEMIES?? I am unable to fax this to Jeryl Gray and would appreciate you providing her a copy of my report tomorrow morning.

Sincerely,
Braunstein and Todisco, P.C.

Amy E. Todisco

Amy E. Todisco
Enc.

This Woman is a liar and a fraud. She is my ENEMY. She is only interested in taking my rights and my MONEY from me. She will say any LIE to TAKE EVERYTHING away from me. I do NOT WANT THIS WITCH to be able to keep taking MY MONEY to PAY herself to Rob me of all my Rights and Rob ME of ALL MY MONEY. Dolores K. Gray

COURT OF PROBATE
[Type or print in black ink]

COURT OF PROBATE, Milford - Orange Probate District

DISTRICT NO. PD40

ESTATE OF/IN THE MATTER OF

Dolores Gray (10-0430)

DATE OF ORDER

March 31, 2011

PETITIONER

Frederick W. Krug, Esq. (attorney for Jayson Gray and Leigh Gray), Matzkin, Krug & Danen, P.C., 76 Center Street, P.O. Box 2027, Waterbury, CT 06722

DATE OF HEARING

April 18, 2011

TIME OF HEARING

1:00 PM

PLACE OF HEARING [Street and Town]

Milford-Orange Probate District

70 W. River St., P.O. Box 414

Milford, CT 06460-0414

UPON THE APPLICATION OF THE PETITIONER FOR: Application for appointment of Amy Todisco as successor conservator and application of Jayson Gray for caregiver allowance,

AS PER APPLICATION ON FILE MORE FULLY APPEARS.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

Said application be heard and determined at the court of probate at the date, time and place indicated above.

BY ORDER OF
THE COURT

Melissa Mitchell

Melissa Mitchell, Assistant Clerk

As a person who may have an interest in this matter you may attend the hearing although you are not required to attend. The court does, however, require the appearance of the attorney of record or the fiduciary if there is no attorney.

SPECIAL NOTICE

If you wish to attend this hearing, but are unable to do so, please call or write the probate court indicated above. The Court address and telephone number is Milford-Orange Probate District, 70 W. River St., P.O. Box 414, Milford, CT 06460-0414, (203) 783-3205

AMY Todisco was forced upon me by Judge Hurmay to be my "guardian". She lied to the court, saying that my daughter (Jeryl) influenced me to change my residence to Florida when she had my proof that I had done this myself as my own wishes long ago.

I absolutely do NOT want Amy Todisco to be my Financial Conservator. I only want my daughter, Jeryl, to be my Financial Conservator as I have wanted since 2006.

I absolutely do not want my son, Jay Gray to get ANY of my money for caregiver allowance or to be my Care Giver. I only want my daughter to be my Care Giver. Dolores K Gray

NOTICE OF HEARING

I made a Will in 2009 that said I want my daughter Jeryl to ever be my Personal Conservator if I needed one. I despise Roberta Litvinoff and I refuse to have anything to do with her!

emotional or physical condition that results in such person being unable to receive and evaluate information or make or communicate decisions to such an extent that the person is unable, even with appropriate assistance, to meet essential requirements for personal needs." Mrs. Gray is at risk and will incur immediate and irreparable harm and injury if a temporary conservator of the person is not continued pending a hearing on the Applications for Involuntary Conservator of the Person. I only accept my daughter, Jeryl as "Conservator!"

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SONE
CT.
The angiogram and possible angioplasty procedures had been explained to Mrs. Gray on a number of occasions by her family and Mrs. Litvinoff, but she did not remember what she was told. I heard Mrs. Gray asking her daughter, Jeryl, about the procedure again in the hospital on May 1. Mrs. Gray still recognizes her immediate family, but does not remember me, and does not remember that Attorney Petersen is her attorney, although she has met with often in the past several weeks. Mrs. Gray also does not remember who Mrs. Litvinoff is, only that she is a "close family friend." Medical decisions will arise and Mrs. Gray is unable to make those decisions herself. Mrs. Gray is also easily manipulated and influenced. I am very concerned that if a temporary conservator of the person is not confirmed pending the hearing on the Applications for Involuntary Conservatorship, that Mrs. Gray will be removed from Connecticut and taken to Florida. It is in the best interests of Dolores Gray that the appointment of the temporary conservator be confirmed.

THIS IS A LIE!
BOTH OF THESE WOMEN ARE LIARS
WHO ARE ONLY INTERESTED IN GETTING MY MONEY.

Accordingly, I respectfully request the Court to confirm the ex parte appointment of Roberta Litvinoff as the temporary conservator of the person of Dolores Gray pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes section 45a-654(d)(2) pending the hearing on and disposition of the Applications for Involuntary Conservatorship.

NO!!

Dated at Fairfield, Connecticut, this 4th day of May, 2011.

Amy E. Todisco

June 12, 2011.

Amy E. Todisco
Guardian Ad Litem for Dolores Gray

This woman, Amy Todisco, is a liar who has fabricated a whole "report" of false material to make my daughter Jeryl, look BAD.

My daughter, Jeryl, built my Business, Natures Way Health Foods, with me from the beginning and she was the "BEST SALES PERSON" in my Business, as well as my "MANAGER" Jeryl is "equally" responsible with me for our success. My son, Jay Gray, never had anything to do with IT.
Dolores K. Gray

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Probate District (PD-38)
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Chief Clerk, Kathleen Donovan
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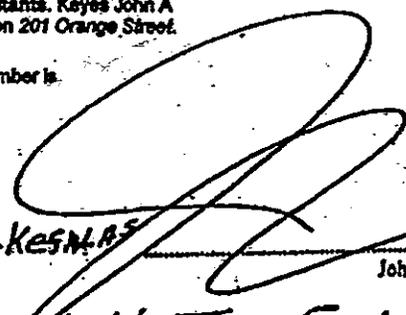
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Keyes John A Attorney telephone number is (203) 777-4716.

I bagged my daughter,

Seryl to get Judge Stareit-Kesmas off of my case.



John A. Keyes, Judge

This Judge is working for my son, Jay Gray and all of the rest of the "leeches" to keep me trapped here in Milford, Ct. in Jays house under their control. These Judges have violated my rights by ordering that my daughter, Seryl and I cannot speak together of my returning to my home in Florida OR about what Probate Court is doing to me.

THIS Judge has been ROBBIING US OF OUR CIVIL RIGHTS, AND HERE "CROW" Judge Keyes is helping HER.

CERTIFIED TO BE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY BY D.D.N. These are BAD Judges TH of ARE CORRUPT.

Dalores K. Gray 5960 30th Ave South Gulfport, Florida

[To be used only for conservatorships and guardianships of minors' estates.]

FEB 24 2012

TO: COURT OF PROBATE, DISTRICT OF Milford

DISTRICT NO. 084

PROBATE DISTRICT #0

IN THE MATTER OF [Name, address where residing, and zip code of ward or minor.]

Dolores Gray (10-0430)
67 Meadowside Rd
Milford, CT 06460-6303

→ Hereinafter referred to as the estate. ←

FIDUCIARY [Name, address, zip code, and telephone number]

Katrina K. Camera, ESQ 525 Bridgeport Avenue Shelton, CT 06484
Phone: (203) 929-8691 Fax: (203) 929-8921

POSITION OF TRUST

Voluntary Conservator of Estate

THE FIDUCIARY HEREBY EXHIBITS this account to said Court for allowance and makes oath that the same is a true and complete account of all receipts and disbursements made in said capacity.

This account covers the time period from: [List month, day, year for start and end of time period.] 12/17/2009 through 12/23/2010

This account is being filed for the following type of estate: [i.e., conservator] Conservator

This account is being filed for the following reason: [Check applicable box below.]

- Periodic account, C.G.S. §45a-177
- For filing only.
- A hearing is requested.
- Final account, C.G.S. §45a-179

The fiduciary represents that there are no debts outstanding against said estate, except as herein stated and, accordingly, application is hereby made for an order of distribution or an order of transfer of the remaining assets of said estate.

ASSETS AND INCOME RECEIVED BY FIDUCIARY

amount of inventory/estate on hand as of last account

To amount of income received:

- Dividends: See D-1 on Page 5
- Social Security payments: See Page 4
- Pension Payments: See Page 10
- Interest, Account # See D-2 on Page 5
- [Other] See Page 2

\$ 3,831,221.27

3,656.09

25,832.00

23,396.48

167,601.83

\$ 678,847.28

Total

\$ 4,730,554.95

PAYMENTS AND DISTRIBUTIONS BY FIDUCIARY

payments made to or for the benefit of: Dolores Gray (10-0430)

By administration expenses as per Schedule: B-1 and B-2 on Page 4

Probate court costs: See Page 10

Fiduciary's fee: [Show disbursements separately.]

See Page 10

Attorney's fees: [Show disbursements separately.]

See Page 10

[Other]

Amount on hand/estate on hand for distribution:

Real property: See Page 2

Personal property: See Page 2

Amount on hand/estate on hand for distribution: Total

[If final account, attach schedule of proposed distribution or transfer.]

The representations contained herein are made under the penalties of false statement.

Date: February 23, 2012

Fiduciary: Katrina K. Camera, ESQ

DECREE
PC-160 REV. 3/03

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
COURT OF PROBATE

RECORDED:

COURT OF PROBATE, Milford - Orange Probate District

DISTRICT NO. PD40

ESTATE OF/IN THE MATTER OF

Dolores Gray (CIB) (11-0009)

3.) The motion to list 42 Sampson Avenue is hereby approved. The listing at the proposed price is approved. The actual sale at the proposed price may be problematic, but it is a proper avenue to pursue.

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4.) Said Periodic Accounting dated June 8, 2012 is true, and accordingly, the same is approved and allowed and ORDERED recorded and filed.

Outrageous - rubber-stamped by Keyes. Estate is being looked at \$700,000.00 per year!

Dated at Milford, Connecticut, this 18th day of September, 2012.

John A. Keyes, Judge

COPY

Judge Keyes:

① Approved **ILLEGAL** seizure and sale of Dolores Gray's Milford home. And Approved sale at far far below appraised price (per Camera's Fiduciary Report and comparable homes near-by).

CERTIFIED TO BE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY.

BY non

This is Dolores K Gray of
5960 30th Ave, South, Gulfport, Florida

Today is July 12, 2011.

I am making the following state-
ments of my own free will and
in my own best interests.

I want to make something very
clear:

I informed my Daughter, Jayle,
that I absolutely refuse to ever
go back into their imprisonment of me
in Jay Gray's house or into one of their cages.

I informed Jayle that I will
take whatever prison I can find
or do whatever I can to get free
from being caged. I rather be Dead,
than be caged like a criminal. I
cannot take it any longer.

My Daughter, Jayle, was my only
savior from all of these corrupt
bastards and leeches who have
ganged up together against Jayle and me
for one reason; to rob me, rob me,
rob me of all the money that she
and I earned together. They all
belong in prison; THEY ARE CRIMINALS.

Connecticut is ranked as having the most corrupt and predatory probate racket of all fifty states;

Connecticut probate/family judges appoint, with full power of their own discretion and full immunity from liability for their actions, Guardian ad Litem and Involuntary Conservators to have complete control over the lives of their target victims: these court-appointed controllers are then paid for their "services" in stripping the "protected person" and the "protected person's" family of basic civil rights regarding the court-"protected" person via the judges' seizure of the financial assets of the person/ family as the assets are involuntarily redistributed into the pockets of the judge *and* GALs *and* conservators *and* the involuntarily appointed attorneys AS PAYMENT FOR THEIR SERVICES in robbing the victim/victims family of their rights and their assets. WE NEED TO

Reform the State's Corrupt and Broken Guardian ad Litem System

Connecticut's Guardian ad Litem system is horribly corrupt and broken.
Family/Probate Court judges are routinely raiding every seize-able asset a family may have available and diverting all assets possible of their available funds into the hands of their self-selected Guardian ad Litem (GALs) who operate without a system of checks and balance, without any oversight or accountability of any kind, and without any responsibility to the wards they are supposed to represent.

Many, many Connecticut families have experienced firsthand the very real damage and harm caused by GALs who do not perform the services assigned to them by the state, or do so poorly and on purpose in order to unnecessarily prolong cases in increasing billings.

Because GALs are given the protection of immunity and no one watches over their performance - or even if they actually do their jobs, families who are forced by a judge into their GAL system are billed many tens of thousands of dollars and have their basic Civil, Human and Parental Rights trampled in the process. There is no means by which to file a complaint or to hold an unethical GAL accountable for their failure to perform, or failures to properly represent their wards in accordance with state requirements.

There is absolutely no oversight of any kind, no system of checks and balances, and no one to complain to. This is because many Connecticut family/probate judges are historically complicit in this profiteering system as they were themselves formerly GALs and they simply perpetuate the set-up.

This state's "family court" system is routinely financially and emotionally devastating parents and families already suffering from a divorce and a poor economy. This is costing families their homes and their jobs - all **under the completely false premise that any of this is "in the best interests of the court-protected person."**

Parents and families can no longer afford to pay for their own legal representation once straddled with overbearing and completely unrealistic GAL costs, and there is no "financial means test" done by a court before **a GAL is assigned, there are no cost controls or limits of any kind imposed on a GAL.**

As a result, 70% or more of all litigants in our state's family court system, now appear Pro Se and without proper legal representation. This has significantly impeded the ability of the courts to function efficiently, and most importantly - prevents the Court from serving the best interests of families.

Rather than working to resolve problems, the Court has instead become a source of further harm and abuse due to the complete lack of oversight of any kind over the GAL/conservatorship-system.

Judges de facto outsource their decision-making authority to these GALs and conservators and almost automatically order whatever a GAL may recommend without law-required Due Process, furthering the problem and causing poor and ineffective orders to be repeatedly entered and ordered in a vacuum, all while ignoring the basic laws and principles of Due Process and Civil Rights.

Many families come prepared to have their case heard before the family/probate court only to be turned away for yet another day when it is anticipated by the Court that motions can't be addressed in just half an hour, wasting valuable human resources and dollars.

GALs do not meet with parents/court-protected wards prior to hearings to hear and review and solicit input from these wards on their recommendations to the court, *as the state requires them to do*, causing further confusion, operational dysfunction and delays and fraudulent self-serving, fabricated reports - **all while the GAL bills, bills, bills for their time.**

Meanwhile, families are held hostage to this inept system that forces them to miss days from work, spend scarce resources on daycare, and **attend in-court "status conferences" and hearings that are almost always clearly focused on the GAL's attendance in ensuring that GALs get more money paid to them, not any meaningful progress to benefit to the court-"protected" ward, or the children and families of divorce.**

Appointment of a GAL infuses immense financial stress at a time in families' lives when personal issues are reaching critical mass. Most families are terrified or reluctant to speak out due to the very legitimate pervasive and overwhelming fear that their voices will result in **retaliation by the GAL and court causing unfavorable custody and visitation recommendations to be automatically ordered by a court and based solely on what the GAL wants.**

There is an inherent enormous Conflict of Interest when the GAL tasked with "reviewing" these matters has a substantial financial interest and personal profit incentive, thereby enriching themselves at a rate of \$750, \$1,000 or more per hour, thus creating a 100 % win situation for the GAL to create FRUDULENT reports.

Further, incredibly, despite the fact that the ostensible purpose of assignment is for a specific issue, GALs are typically assigned for the life of the "case," even if there is no case before the court or any current or ongoing conflict/issue, with no termination until the elderly court - "protected" ward dies or the child reaches the age of majority. All the while, the GAL can charge whatever they deem fit to enrich themselves, in effect creating a court and state sponsored and enforced annuity for themselves.

Families are suffering deeply due to this inherent corruption and court dysfunction.

No public servant of any kind should be granted this kind of complete unmitigated power over any "protected" elderperson's or parent's or child's lives. No elected official and not even the President of the United States enjoy this kind of special immunity.

Immediate legislative action and reform is needed now, because our Connecticut Judiciary has proven itself to be simply incapable and unwilling to protect the actual best interests of court-"protected" elderly or children and families of divorce, and is instead causing very real and long lasting harm.