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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KITSAP**

In re the parenting of Adeline Feulner:

Case No : 07-3-01713-1

**Heather Wood, mother, petitioner**

**MOTION AND DECLARATION  
REQUESTING APPROVAL OF FEES AND  
COSTS, AND DISMISSAL OF GUARDIAN AD  
LITEM**

**And**

**Lenard Feulner, father, respondent**

**MOTION**

COMES NOW, NANCY TARBELL, Guardian ad Litem, pro se, and moves the court for an Order Approving the Guardian ad Litem fees and Costs filed June 6, 2024.

**DECLARATION**

I was originally appointed Guardian ad Litem for Adeline by court order on October 25, 2023. This document was eventually challenged. After a court hearing I was re-appointed by an Amended Order On December 18, 2023. Simply to achieve a clear order of appointment took about 23 hours of billing time. It is an understatement to indicate that this case was hard fought with many, many, issues and hearings – all of which I was required to attend.

To date there are over 575 emails, some quite lengthy. I don't often charge for emails. However, in this case if the exchange was lengthy or time consuming I did add a nominal fee on a few occasions.. The vast majority of the emails are from Ms Wood or concerning her filings. Mr. Feulner doesn't often communicate through email.

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Petition to Approve  
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2 This case required 9 court hearings (almost all in person), preparation for a trial in March  
3 and again in June. The case also required 3 court reports and an additional, preliminary,  
4 report was also prepared to inform the court in January. I believed that the preliminary report  
5 was necessary to inform the court and the parties of status while I worked to complete the full,  
6 balanced, report. At various times I needed to prepare and file motions to clarify my authority  
7 and responsibilities as both were being questioned. I filed these to correspond with hearings  
8 already notes so as to efficiently use court time and minimize my billing.  
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10 In addition, I tried to keep fees down by not charging for my time copying documents or  
11 for the majority of the documents copied; or the office time scanning files; or the hours  
12 needed for billing and securing payment for my time. The wear and tear on my soul  
13 (contentious cases do that) is also a cost of doing business and not charged. The original  
14 order appointing GAL indicated that \$3,000 were "pre-approved" and that court authorization  
15 is needed to approve any overage of time. I am seeking court approval that the following fees  
16 are reasonable and should be paid by Kitsap County, WA: \$7,115.00 and costs of \$176.85.  
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18 Judge Adams verbally dismissed me as Guardia ad Litem on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. The  
19 record and order should reflect this action

20 DATED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

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22 Nancy Tarbell  
23 Nancy Tarbell, Guardian ad Litem for Adeline  
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