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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

MOTION AND DECLARATION

REQUESTING APPROVAL OF FEES AND

COSTS, AND DISMISSAL OF GUARDIAN AD

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Petition to Approve 16912010

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Heather Wood, mother, petitioner

And

Lenard Feulner, father, respondent

MOTION

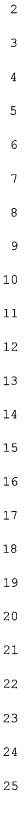
LITEM

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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This case required 9 court hearings (almost all in person), preparation for a trial in March and again in June. The case also required 3 court reports and an additional, preliminary, report was also prepared to inform the court in January. I believed that the preliminary report was necessary to inform the court and the parties of status while I worked to complete the full, balanced, report. At various times I needed to prepare and file motions to clarify my authority and responsibilities as both were being questioned. I filed these to correspond with hearings already notes so as to efficiently use court time and minimize my billing.

In addition, I tried to keep fees down by not charging for my time copying documents or for the majority of the documents copied; or the office time scanning files; or the hours needed for billing and securing payment for my time. The wear and tear on my soul (contentious cases do that) is also a cost of doing business and not charged. The original order appointing GAL indicated that \$3,000 were "pre-approved" and that court authorization is needed to approve any overage of time. I am seeking court approval that the following fees are reasonable and should be paid by Kitsap County, WA: \$7,115.00 and costs of \$176.85.

Judge Adams verbally dismissed me as Guardia ad Litem on June 5th at 3:30 p.m. The record and order should reflect this action

DATED this 18th day of June, 2024.

Nancy Tarbell, Guardian ad Litem for Adeline