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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KING

In re the Matter of
THE SHARON M. HAROLD

IRREVOCABLE TRUST DATED NOVEMBER 12, 2004,

a Trust.

NO. 22-4-08326-1 KNT

SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF MICHELLE A. BLACKWELL IN SUPPORT OF ALTERNATIVE MOTION FOR WITHDRAWAL BY ORDER FOR RESPONDENT SHARON M. HAROLD

Michelle A. Blackwell declares:

- 1. I am or was the attorney of record for Sharon M. Harold in the above-captioned action.
- 2. I dispute each and every allegation, matter and thing stated in the Declaration of Charles A. Harold filed today in response to the motion for withdrawal by order, except as previously asserted or admitted in my motion and supporting declaration.
- 3. Since 2015, I was and am a Martindale AV-rated Preeminent Attorney Judicial Edition. I have practiced law in five (5) States over my 30-year legal career in good standing at all times, with no disciplinary history. I was a partner at an AV-rated law firm for many years before starting my own law firm in 2015.
- 4. At all material times, I worked diligently and efficiently on behalf of Sharon Harold. All of the terms and conditions and my billable hour rate were disclosed in a writing signed by all parties involved at the inception of the representation. Our law firm's trust deposit policy is expressly stated therein, and Charles Harold was aware and agreed that trust deposits are held in trust and applied to costs and the final bill at the attorney's discretion, and that monthly statements are due in full when presented.

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- 5. For a few days in January 2023, I did briefly pause work and require the thenaged account be brought current because a payment was rejected by my bank and I had a lot of time in WIP. I had already accommodated one request to apply trust to the aged account, which I accommodated on the condition the trust be replenished which never happened. There was NO prejudice to the client because I promptly acted upon all action items for me and continued to communicate.
- 6. My file contains all of the usual and customary research, work, notes, pleadings and correspondence one might expect at this stage of fast track trust litigation. At no time before today did Charles Harold or Sharon Harold ever object to or question my work, the amount of my bills, my integrity, the quality of my work, or the time spent.
- 7. Only after I was terminated and instructed to withdraw within two days did I file the notice of withdrawal and proof of mailing, followed by my motion to withdrawal by order. I did not seek to withdrawal or indicate a desire to withdrawal before being terminated. I was surprised at being terminated.
- 8. Before undertaking the representation in October 2023, I inquired about Sharon Harold's mental and physical health and capacity. I specifically inquired about any causes or symptoms of dementia, as I do in every case involving an elderly client. I also personally met alone with Sharon Harold and she presented as alert and oriented. Only then did I agree to the representation. I later learned that important information had been withheld from me and that Sharon Harold had in fact suffered a pre-existing significant head injury which is now a matter of record in this case. This led me to contact my ethics board and to require another meeting with Sharon Harold before I could do further work. To that extent, as required by my ethics board, it is accurate to state that I had to "stop work." Charles Harold terminated my services before I could meet her again.
- 9. There is much more that I would like to tell the court about this matter, but due to confidentiality I am advised that I may only do so pursuant to an order of the court. If the court so orders, I request that I may speak with the Judge in camera so a preliminary analysis may be may of what information is relevant and helpful to these matters.
- 10. If Charles Harold truly believes I have done a poor job representing Sharon Harold, then I do not understand why he wants me to continue to represent her.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: February 2, 2023 at Eugene, Oregon.

Michelle a. Blackwell

Michelle A. Blackwell

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I certify that on February 2, 2023 after 5 pm PST, effective February 3, 2023, I both (1) mailed by US First Class Mail with sufficient postage prepaid and (2) electronically emailed a copy of the foregoing SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF MICHELLE A. BLACKWELL to the following persons at the following addresses:

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