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Ms Goldberg

I'm filing my substitution of counsel for Barbara Latham and read the transcript from the status conference and fail to understand why her attorneys couldn't effectively communicate with her as I've had problem

My impression is that she is unduly fearful about the guardianship and frustrated, feeling that Donald is on a witch hunt and his act with his children is intended to paint her in a false light to retaliate against her as evidenced by things like calling the police for welfare checks instead of picking up the thousand lb phone and calling Barbara

She was not informed she couldn't post on Facebook and feels it's somewhat intrusive for court personnel to be stalking her as if every opportunity to make her look bad is taken. Don isn't the angel he claims to be and were he the one under this microscope everyone would see him quite different. His word is gospel as if presumed true rather than suspect if it involves Barbara

She's unaccustomed to constant intrusions into HER privacy in the guise of caring for Muriel being embarrassed were something that actually occurs. Don is picking splinters from her eyes when his conduct merited the guardianship by which he seeks CONTROL rather than something benign as he insists. Don and Barbara's relationship is obviously soured to the point they don't communicate as you know. Nevertheless she has no problem with Don picking her up and taking her wherever he likes assuming Muriel wants to go and isn't ill. She is very worried about all of this bordering fearful and paranoid which seems to grow when she feels everyone is on a witch hunt looking for something to accuse her of. Taking Muriel out is preferable to visits in a lawyers office though it's somewhat clear why. The boyfriend has mental health issues that concern Barbara and sexually acted out once making Barbara very concerned about spending time alone with her. He doesn't hear well and is diabetic making her fearful of Muriel driving with him. He's also incontinent.

Barbara is very protective of her mother and it comes off as controlling and barring visitation when visitation really isn't the issue but a host of concerns whether others deem them legitimate or not.

The intrusion into her financial affairs is categorically something she has never been subjected to with probes into personal accounts not implication the guardianship estate.

She feels resentful by her interpretation of others treating her like she is a criminal unlike Don whose motives should concern you just as much. If it's too good to be true it usually is.

Barbara is fearful of many things causing her to question their motives which she now sees and is committed to letting go to avoid being viewed as controlling her mom's life and decisions. There's reason to believe some of Muriel's failure to visit Don was caused by his pursuit of guardianship to have her deemed incompetent and assume control of Muriel's life at which time he will exact revenge.

Dons relationship with Estelle is equally strained causing her to prefer Barbara be guardian if guardianship is deemed necessary. In general she is not accustomed to the intrusion or control this temp guardianship demands.

The constant microscope presents a self fulfilling prophecy and seems to cause her to be even more intimidated and fearful thinking you intend to have her arrested when she's not been sufficiently informed by her attorneys what the expectations would be of her via guardianship and the result has been exacerbated fear that could otherwise have been avoided. She's making her Facebook private to avoid false accusations of violating her privacy, something she did not and doesn't view posting her mom's picture as exploitation. She doesn't trust strangers and justifiably so. You obviously disagree with her perspective not unlike Judge Woods, who doesn't like Facebook as evidenced

By gag orders which actually violates the Texas Constitution if we want to get technical. Some people value free speech while others shroud everything in secrecy because they don't like the message. With national reports of abusive Guardianships pervading the media, if that's her interpretation of guardianship it explains posts you find objectionable. The truth is some issues are exempt

From the scrutiny of prying eyes meddling in matters usually private.

Add to that 30 years of experience as a psychiatric nurse with advanced credentials nevertheless makes Barbara the most qualified provided

She isn't picked apart. If you look for fault it's usually easy to find.

After speaking to her about the status conference and hearing her side Her behavior is in part the result of the inquisition she constantly faces. Knowing the false light in which Don has deliberately painted her with a hidden agenda behind it, I'm far less concerned about issues addressed as problematic during the status conference but have nonetheless advised her to minimize misinterpretation of her actions. You need not worry about these things going and might consider that you and Barbara don't have to share the opinion re every issue encountered.

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