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Case Number: DA 25-0371

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN RE THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP AND CONSERVATORSHIP OF:

ORDER

A.D.

This Court reviews briefs to ensure compliance with the Montana Rules of Appellate Procedure. After reviewing the Appellant's Opening brief filed on July 25, 2025, this Court has determined that the brief does not comply with the Rule and must be resubmitted.

M. R. App. P. 10(6) requires that parties filing documents with the Clerk of the Supreme Court shall use initials when referencing the names of parties in any proceeding under Title 72, Chapter 5, part 3 (Guardians of Incapacitated Persons). The Court has determined that Appellant's Opening brief filed July 25, 2024, does not comply with the referenced Rule, as there are numerous references to the name of the Appellant, who shares her last name with the protected person.

Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that the signed original and seven copies of the referenced brief be returned for revisions necessary to comply with the specified Rule;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a signed original and seven copies of the revised brief ordered herein be filed within ten (10) days of the date of this Order with the Clerk of this Court and that one copy of the revised brief be served on each counsel of record;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no changes, additions, or deletions other than those specified in this Order may be made to the brief as originally filed;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the postage costs for returning the referenced

copies of Appellant's brief will be billed to Appellant by the Clerk of this Court and shall be due and payable upon receipt; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the times for any subsequent briefing contained in M. R. App. P. 13 shall run from the date of filing of the revised brief.

The Clerk of this Court is directed to mail a true copy of this Order to Appellant and to mail a true copy of this Order to all counsel upon whom the brief was served.

DATED this 25th day of July, 2025.

For the Court,

Chief Justice