

THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE
COMPANY,

Plaintiff,

v.

GERARD VAGT, *et al.*,

Defendants.

CASE NO. C17-0169-JCC

MINUTE ORDER

The following Minute Order is made by direction of the Court, the Honorable John C. Coughenour, United States District Judge:

This matter comes before the Court following its instructions that the parties propose three candidates to serve as Guardian ad Litem (GAL) for B.V., a minor. (Dkt. No. 6.) Having received the parties' submissions (Dkt. No. 10), the Court hereby APPOINTS Bryce Vagt to serve as GAL for B.V.

The GAL shall have the following duties:

1. To advise B.V. regarding B.V.'s fiduciary and legal interests in this case.
2. To manage any funds recovered by B.V. in a manner consistent with B.V.'s best interests.
3. To provide the court with written recommendation, which shall include:

1 (a) Appointment of GAL: State your name, date of appointment, and the date
2 you started working on this matter. Give a brief description of your experience
3 and qualifications as it pertains to serving as GAL, or attach a CV with this
4 information. Describe your relationship, if any, with involved parents, personal
5 representatives, or attorneys.

6 (b) Investigation: Describe the investigation you conducted, the persons
7 interviewed, and the documents you reviewed.

8 (c) Proposed Distribution: Discuss the form the distribution might take (e.g.
9 blocked account, guardianship or trust) and the proposed distribution documents.

10 (d) GAL Fees: Attach a declaration of your time and services, giving your
11 professional rate and the amount sought.

- 12 4. The GAL shall, within 45 days after appointment, unless otherwise ordered, file a
13 report with the Court and provide a copy to each party, or their counsel, if they are
14 represented.
- 15 5. The cost of probate, attorney fees, and the GAL's fee is reserved for
16 determination at the time the proposed distribution is submitted to the court.
- 17 6. The GAL shall not employ or retain counsel or experts to assist in these duties
18 except as authorized in advance by the court, and shall promptly advise the court
19 if others have retained such a person without court authorization, including but
20 not limited to the retention of counsel to initiate litigation or draft a trust.

21 DATED this 3rd day of April 2017.

22 William M. McCool
23 Clerk of Court

24 s/Paula McNabb
25 Deputy Clerk