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## SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF VENTURA

In Re:	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 19.06
Reporting to the Court by Appointed Counsel for Conservatees or Wards	

Attorneys who are appointed as counsel for conservatees, wards or proposed conservatees or wards, pursuant to *Probate Code* §§ 1470, 1471, or 2356.5, have the following ethical obligations:

- 1. Clients Who Are Non-Communicative or Clearly Delusional or Not Opposed to the Request Before the Court: If the client is non-communicative, or clearly delusional, or not opposed to the request before the court, the attorney must evaluate the request before the Court and must orally report to the Court his or her observations and recommendations as to what would be in the client's best interests, unless a written report is requested by the Court.
- 2. Clients Who Have Impaired Judgment and Are Opposed to the Request Before the Court: If the client appears to have impaired judgment and is opposed to the request before the Court, the attorney must report to the Court the attorney's observations and recommendations as to what would be in the client's best interests, as well as the fact that the client is opposed to the request and the apparent reasons for the opposition. The attorney must ensure that the client is given the opportunity to directly address the Court, if reasonably possible.
- 3. Clients Who Are Communicative, Alert and Are Opposed to the Request Before the Court: If the client is communicative, alert and opposed to the request before the Court, and if the attorney has a good faith belief that sufficient grounds exist to support the position taken by the client, the attorney

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must use all reasonable and appropriate means to obtain the result sought by the client.

4. **Attorney to Disclose Proper Relationship**: The attorney must disclose to the Court and all parties whether the attorney currently represents, or has previously represented, the conservator or proposed conservator.

This order shall automatically expire on July 1, 2020, unless extended by the court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: December 17, 2019.

Kent M. Kellegrew Presiding Judge