

To: Sueann Ramella
From: Debbie Conklin
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A guardian is responsible for coordinating services and decision making. The primary tasks involve decisions keeping the client healthy and as safe as possible, to assert her rights and best interests in the setting least restrictive to her freedom and appropriate to her personal care needs. Ms. Southall's welfare, safety and right to privacy drive all decisions made on her behalf.

The guardianship petition for Ms. Southall was filed in April 2017. A guardian was appointed on August 7, 2017. I was appointed successor guardian of the person and estate in this case on December 27, 2017. I have done and am doing my best to provide for my client's welfare, safety and right to privacy. The actions of Catherine Galvin, a family friend, caused this guardianship, a vulnerable adult protection order against Ms. Galvin, supervised visits and ongoing legal action. My careful review of the Court file found no evidence of fraud. The prior guardian engaged in mediation with Ms. Galvin and Ms. Southall which resulted in an agreement to keep the guardianship in place and an evaluation done on Ms. Southall in November 2017. While I cannot disclose medical information, I believe this guardianship is necessary.

This guardianship is a lawful process to protect Ms. Southall. Her best interest is at the core of every decision made on her behalf, with an eye on inclusive decision making and freedom of choice. Ms. Southall's family members are again active in her life and support this guardianship. The drama and expense are unfortunately perpetuated by Catherine Galvin causing unwarranted expense and heartache for Ms. Southall who wholeheartedly deserves peace, joy and privacy. Ms. Southall is mortified with the possibility of publicizing her story based on accusations without merit and requests that it be stopped immediately. The possibility of publishing the details of Ms. Southall's life causes her and her family undue stress and tension. It is simply unjust and not in Ms. Southall's best interest.