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Case # 90-2908-GD 4

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the Probate Court File.

Judge Shames

Thank you.

Date 5/14/97

The Honorable Mark I. Shames  
Courthouse - Room 402  
545 1st Avenue North  
St. Petersburg, Florida 33701

Re: Guardianship of Theresa Marie Schiavo

Dear Judge Shames:

I recently received a copy of the Order Authorizing Guardian To Employ And Pay An Attorney Pursuant To Authority To Represent which was stamped by the Court "Not Signed" with the notation that the ward's parents and other interested parties need to be noticed.

The guardian is aware that the issue of withdrawal or refusal of medical treatment for the ward is a difficult issue in this case and that the ward's parents will need to be involved. I am not aware of any other interested persons. Because of the delicate nature of this case, I advised the guardian to employ counsel who has special expertise in this area of the law.

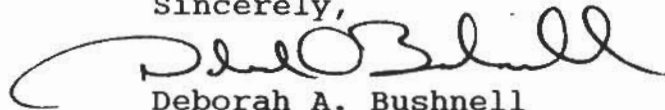
It is anticipated that the parents will initially be approached gently and informally by Attorney Felos regarding this issue, that Hospice will be involved, and that counseling will be provided to the guardian and the parents to assist with the decision-making process. Other court pleadings may be filed as necessary.

Attorney Felos, the guardian, and I feel that the receipt of a petition for payment of attorney fees regarding this issue would not be the best and kindest way for the ward's parents to learn that this issue is being considered.

Therefore, I am enclosing another Order and I would ask that the court sign this Order with the understanding that the ward's parents will be contacted and will be noticed on all future pleadings regarding this issue. If there are further questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Deborah A. Bushnell

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Enclosure

cc: Michael Schiavo - (by U.S. Mail)  
George Felos, Esq. - (by U.S. Mail)