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Justice James Hardesty: Once again I would like to invite the public to make public comment, however, as I have mentioned before, we have a lot on our agenda and so I respectfully have to limit people's comments to three minutes. Regrettably, when you reach that three minute mark there'll be a sound go off and I'll have to interrupt your comments and ask you to conclude. Is there anybody wanting to make public comment, Judge Porter, in Elko?

Judge Nancy Porter: No, there is not.

Justice Hardesty: How about in Carson City, Stephanie?

Stephanie Heying: Is there anyone who wishes to make public comment? No.

Justice Hardesty: Alright then in Las Vegas, is there anyone in Las Vegas who wishes to make public comment?

Terri Black: Hello, my name is Terri Black. My family is a victim but today I am delivering a speech that was prepared by Brenda Ralphs of Washington State. Brenda is the niece of Nevadan Barbara Lasco and was unable to be here today. Barbara was ultimately free from April Parks' fraudulently originated guardianship in case number G14039735A. I appeared before the Guardianship Commission on 12-15-2015 and spoke about my aunt's case. I left during the break after my presentation because I was tired from my travel and emotionally drained. I understand there was a comment by Commission member Elyse Tyrell to the effect that "families can appeal and file to oppose". My response to this comment is "how is the average person supposed to know how to 'appeal and file to oppose'?" When I became disenchanted with the performance of my aunt's guardian and asked her who I could file a complaint with, her answer was "no one". I hired my aunt her own lawyer to oppose Lee Drizin, who was representing Ms. Parks. When my aunt walked into the hearing to appeal her guardianship and spoke clearly and compellingly on her own behalf, Commissioner Jon Norheim disregarded the evidence before him and ruled that she had to see a neurologist to prove her competence, a much higher standard than was used to declare her incompetent and take away her rights. My aunt was lucky by comparison. This court's actions cost her and I over \$20,000 and it left her finances in disarray. Aunt Barbara was humiliated and died prematurely, fearful of a judicial system and its cohorts that victimized her with no consideration of her rights. Most others were abused far more egregiously. The system in Nevada is broken. I feel lucky that I was able to get my aunt's guardianship cancelled so quickly. The statement that "families can appeal and file to oppose" like it is some kind of quick and easy solution is bologna. Fighting a guardianship in a system where filings with obvious legal defects receive rubber-stamp approval is a legal nightmare and financially debilitating. I have scant hope that things will improve since some of the offenders have been appointed to the Commission. How can you possibly

expect Elyse Tyrell, Jon Norheim, or Lee Drizin to fix the problem? Why aren't legitimate medical professionals and doctors supporting your Commission who provide their patients accurate and thorough prognosis and defend their rights? Thank you.

Justice Hardesty: Thank you, any other public comment?

Julie Belshe: Hi, my name is Julie Belshe. Rennie North G13039132-A Rudy North G-13-039133-A. I've been spending a lot of time talking to people and being on front line of defense for them because there is nobody there for them, talking about the wards. Where's the victim investigation on this? If not now, then when? I believe that was a quote from Kennedy, something like that. Every day we wait is another ward that either passes or gets taken from their family without being told. What are your short-term goals here? As a steward of the public it is your responsibility to stop this corruption of oversight of the courts, the guardians, the attorneys, the guardian ad litem, everybody involved. What I see happening here is that it's wonderful that Barbara Buckley just got this \$100,000 grant and I really hope and pray that it goes towards the ward to help them that are looking to get out, or that have family members that can't help them. But, what are we doing now? How are we entrusting that the public can trust moving here to Las Vegas, Nevada, and feel safe? I would not want my parents alone to move to this state and would not encourage any senior citizen ever to move to Las Vegas, Nevada, until we get this under control. This paperwork, the committees, the shuffling of it is great, but what are we doing? What are the short-term goals, I'm asking. We need to have short-term goals; it needs to be in place as fast as possible. I thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak.

Justice Hardesty: Anyone else who wishes to make public comment? Yes, ma'am.

Unknown Speaker: The woman on her phone over there...She's not even paying attention. That's all I have to say.

Justice Hardesty: Excuse me. Any other public comment? Did you want to make a public comment? Okay, go ahead Mr. North.

Rudy North: I was a victim. I put it in passed chance, if you know what that is. You must stop this applesauce of justice, it's nothing but applesauce. You think you have the power, I declare war. As one individual, I believe I can do that. Justice Hardesty, I believe, has been given the impossible task. I believe that he wants what's right, but it's not going to happen when I hear that Judge Steel has another power panel, another layer. And who are they? They all defended, and when I say "all", with the exception of one, they have all defended our big problem called Jarod Shafer. It's incredible when you do a due diligence and you find that they're all brothers in arms. Of course, (11:18 inaudible), I remember when Japan and Germany were our enemy, but now guess what; they have more freedom than we do. They are number one and two and China, and we are number seven in freedom. Our rights are taken away from us. I want to call us the peacock group, and why, because the peacock maintains its beauty by eating thorns. That's why we are here, we eat thorns. People say they're going to take care of people, they're going to give them back their \$80,000, instead they give them back \$5,000. Has it been accepted, the 5,000, I don't know. This should be made public. People say "we'll take care of them", they don't take care of them, you know that, we all know it. It's a genocide of the elderly, that's all that

this is. The 20th century was the century of genocide, we carried it on. We haven't stopped it. Somebody has to be the voice of 8600 people. Excuse me, has that changed Justice Hardesty? Do you have any idea, regarding the 8600?

Justice Hardesty: Yeah, we expect some progress in reports and that information.

Rudy North: ...which makes sense, it has to take time, I understand. You can't just... I wish you could. If you could, I know you would do that. So I've decided, talk about arrogance, I've decided that the voice that has been stolen from them, I've decided to be that voice. And then talk about arrogance, I pass the baton to my daughter, because I'm 80 years old and I know I don't have the strength that she has. She's on the phone early in the morning because it's 9 o'clock in New York, and she's on the phone late with people on the west coast. Her average work day is 12 to 14 hours and that's hard. As of Monday, I want you all to know that we will be on a television, and we will be on television to the world, not just Clark County. Darcy Spears team and our other people have viewed us. I can't even go to the gas station without somebody recognizing me, and I've got to be honest with you, I don't want that. I don't want it. I live a very quiet life and now I have this. Judge Steel has the temerity to continue, I can't believe this, to a point all the same people on her power panel. I don't believe that Judge Hardesty knows that and I'm here to tell him. This is what Hitler did to the Spanish in the 1930's, this is a live-fire exercise, they're dropping their bombs on us, but I stand here and I will tell you, they can't change reality because reality is real. It's important that you understand that. I want to stop. I looked at pictures earlier today of one of the wards, I want to change that battered face of a shadow, absolutely beat up while they were in a rest home, I'll use that term because it's an old term that I'm familiar with. I don't really know what assisted living means, assisted death I know, I lived there for two years, and you go down and have your meal at such and such time. I will tell you this war...

Justice Hardesty: Mr. North, respectfully, I need to ask you to wrap it up.

Rudy North: Okay and you know I always respect the forum you know that.

Justice Hardesty: No question about it, I just wanted to let you know time is...

Rudy North: Thank you. Thank you. It's hard for me to explain two years in 180 seconds, sir, you understand that.

Justice Hardesty: Absolutely.

Rudy North: I know you do. I just will wrap it up by saying this war, it's never ending (inaudible 16:38) 100 year war and I will say that the baton, I passed it to my daughter and I have a grandson who will carry it even further if that's the case. Thank you so much. Thank you Judge Hardesty for the ability to let me say what little I have to say. Thank you again sir.

Justice Hardesty: Always good to see you Mr. North. Any other person to make public comment?

Glenda Brooks: Good morning Judge and panel.

Justice Hardesty: How are you today?

Glenda Brooks: My name is Glenda Brooks. I have a matter that (17:25 inaudible) Susan Hoy and Kathleen Buchanan.

Justice Hardesty: I'm sorry?

Glenda Brooks: I have two matters pertaining to Susan Hoy and Kathleen Buchanan.

Justice Hardesty: Okay.

Glenda Brooks: I don't have the case number for my step-father, his name was Carl Brown, but in early February of 2014, I've been my mother, Lexi Brown's, power of attorney since 2007. I got a petition, actually I got a phone call from Sandy Robb (sp) over at Silver Ridge where my step-father was resident. At the same time my mother was staying there she was doing rehab because she had a fall and she was there because she had fallen and broken her hip and she had to have immediate surgery. I had taken her to California because she had been alone, my step-father had Alzheimer's, he was in the home. So anyway, I got a call from Sandy Robb (sp) stating that my mother had received a petition for removal of her as my step-father's guardian. I came down and got the petition, went to court, I notified Michele Aprils and Susan Hoy that the petition that they were working under had been somehow manipulated under invalid power of attorney, which is another story. I have pictures of..., but to make a long story short, my step-father was awarded to Susan Hoy and four months later he was deceased. She went to see him two times, she saw him two times during that time; she also informed the hospital staff not to talk to anyone regarding his care. I was there consistently, I've got documentation (19:11 inaudible) she wouldn't even let my mother know the situation that was going on with her own husband. I'm basically here today because my mother, who I had to put in a home because of her fall, she was a victim in October of 2014 where the court stepped in under temporary guardianship over her, even though she wasn't being neglected due to an anonymous phone call that they received in February of 2014 accusing me of allegations of, I exploited her and isolating her from the family, which I hadn't. There's been other allegations and substantiate (19:53 inaudible) without any proof. I've hired several attorneys and was supposed to go to trial. I had a deposition in July of last year, July 2nd, unfortunately my power of attorney was omitted and in August I was told by my attorneys that there was going to be a court date, unfortunately I didn't show up, they awarded my mother to the state permanently. On February the 11th, under Kathleen Buchanan and Meagan Hardy in Kathleen Buchanan's office was assigned to her. I'd been in constant contact with Meagan about my mother's conditions and my mother's been to the hospital and she's had several falls and all under the guardianship of the state. On February the 11th, I had no knowledge that Meagan had put my mother in another group home. My mother suffered an incident, and now on life support, basically she suffered severe brain damage in the hands of the group home where she shouldn't have been because Meagan told me she was going to put her in Silver Living. That's why I'm here; I'm still fighting for her. Next week, I don't even know if she is going to be alive. I had went to court, I filed my petition under Judge Steel, went to court on January 21st and she informed me to file a new petition to remove the guardian from the...you know, and I had filed the petition, my appointment is next week to remove them as guardians for neglect. That's what they've been doing and

they neglected my step-father and under Nevada's Guardian Services and under the Clark County Public Guardian they've been neglecting my mother and right now she's laying in the hospital and these are the pictures. They're both victims. Thank you.

Justice Hardesty: Thank you. Any other persons wishing to make public comment?

Christine Miller: Good afternoon Justice Hardesty and members of the Commission. My name is Christine Miller; I'm an attorney with Legal Aid Center of southern Nevada. I'm here to provide the Commission with an update as to our progress with the pilot program whereby we provide legal representation for adults under guardianship. This pilot program began January 1st of this year, I'm the attorney funded under that program. Our office has been accepting case referrals from the court, law enforcement, and other sources of the community. So far we have a total of 22 cases. I'd like to give you a couple of examples of the type of cases that we've seen, that I've seen so far in the short time that I've been assigned to this work. One case involves my 95 year old client who's 70-something year old daughter got guardianship over her mother and in the petition failed to disclose her prior felony conviction. After obtaining the order appointing guardianship the daughter then transferred title of her mother's home into the daughter's name. The daughter also failed to disclose over \$10,000 worth of assets in the initial petition, and in my opinion, that was in an attempt to later try to convert the case to summary administration. If I had not come into this case as early as I did, I would hate to think of the whereabouts of my client's assets, her home, the title was transferred as well as her liquid assets. I have another case involving a disabled adult, he suffers from a brain injury, he resides in an assisted living facility. His guardian is a family friend, as my client has no other living family in town. The guardian has failed to pay this living facility monthly rent and my client may be on the verge of eviction from this place and the balance due is close to \$20,000. I'm taking steps to get this rectified, but this is very troubling, especially in light of the fact that the most recent report filed by the guardian was that everything was fine, despite the fact that there are thousands of dollars owed to a living facility and also the guardian has told the court that he would use my client's social security benefits every month to pay the facility and clearly that is not happening. These types of cases, and I could give you more examples if I had more time, are clear indication that there is a critical need for attorneys to represent adults under guardianship. We wish we could take every case (24:58 inaudible) from the court, but obviously we cannot at this time, but it would definitely be much better to be on the side of prevention rather than recovery. Thank you.

Justice Hardesty: Thank you Ms. Miller. Any other persons wanting to make public comment?

Fran Brady-Kahoulie (sp): Hello my name is Fran Brady-Kahoulie, I'm a registered nurse. I don't live here; I come from sunny San Diego. I came up here because I want to encourage the folks that are actually brave enough to stand in the gap of the elderly and the disabled. I appreciate what you're doing. I just have one comment, I've been an RN for 30 years, so I've been on the side, I've operated nursing homes. Ron was told family couldn't come in and visit people that were in the nursing home and I couldn't figure it out. An attorney would say "well, those family members upset their parents so if they come you need to call 9-1-1." Well, that was 20-something years ago and what I'm understanding now is the issue is isolate, medicate, and steal the estate. That's what's happening. This is the comment that I

have, my idea is there should be no new laws, we have laws and there should be no more guardianship. We already have laws enacted against abuse, we have laws enacted against theft, we have laws enacted against embezzlement. I believe probably everyone panel getting paid to be here and it's because of guardianship. My idea is guardianship is ownership of a human being and it should be done away with.

Justice Hardesty: Thank you. Any other public comment in Las Vegas? Yes, sir.

Dave Deno: Yes, Justice. My odyssey in California began...

Justice Hardesty: Could you give us your name, please?

Dave Deno: My name is Dave Deno; I live here in Las Vegas now.

Justice Hardesty: And the last name again, I'm sorry?

Dave Deno: Deno, D-E-N-O.

Justice Hardesty: Okay.

Dave Deno: My odyssey, they call them conservatorships in California, began with my father. We had built a company in considerable amount of wealth in 40 years. He had a living trust in place well-designed and due to some internal family squabbles, which I will admit it's a lot of the conflict you all and the courts have to deal with after the fact. Due to that we ended up in conservatorship court, I was rather naive at the time. When I went into that I really thought the court system, as it's set up and represented itself, would be of help. Much as the nurse just said, it was isolate, medicate and steal the estate. Everyone was very concerned with the welfare of my father until his estate, 3 or 4 million dollars was gone, and then after using every dirty trick in the book, and these are court appointed attorneys, one of which was his court appointed attorney, went on to become a judge pro tem in the guardianship/conservatorship court, used every trick in the book, made all kinds of accusations to use the power and knowledge of their position to isolate family members, trusted family members from my father. As soon as the estate was all gone then they all recommended that I become his guardian which was very surprising. Many of those issues that are in California, I see the same thing here in Nevada. So, talking with some of the people I've come into contact here with and Darcy Spears' fine work in exposing this, I'm not here to blame a commission or blame the court system, I'm here to make a suggestion. I think there are many other aspects of this. There's corruption in any system. It's pretty clear that there's some pretty wrong things that were happening, hopefully you guys would get that straightened out. I congratulate you on setting up this commission and trying to get to the bottom of those things. One suggestion that I would make that might eliminate a lot of things would be more public knowledge. Public populous that doesn't take care of their own family business that then wants the court system private, public guardians, or attorneys to straighten things out after they've become incapacitated or unable to run their own affairs, that's putting a tremendous load on the court system. I don't think very many people realize exactly what they're in for if they don't take care of their own business when they can. Unfortunately, for my father's situation he had set up a trust and his problem was much like what I hear many of those victims here who've been victimized by attorneys or the

system here, that once you get involved in it, the corruption is so pervasive, it's literally rubber-stamped by judges and that has to stop. So, I would suggest to eliminate a lot of things, maybe more of a public information campaign where people that have some wealth and some bit of an estate, because they're a target to those that are corrupt, everybody knows that. There's a lot of good people that do a lot of good work. I know a lot of guardianships, especially in the public guardianship, trying to help people that don't have money. I know it firsthand, I've seen it in California, I've seen it here, the people that have some means, they are targets for the corruption and that needs to stop. Thank you.

Justice Hardesty: Thank you for your comments. Anyone else who wishes to make public comment? Yes, ma'am.

Janet Vissers: Good afternoon Justice Hardesty and the panel. My name is Janet Vissers and I'm a certified legal nurse consultant and this story doesn't really involve anything professional per se. When I married my husband, my husband, he was very sick he had two corroded tumors that had never been taken out, he was always on medication. Anyway, long story short, this has a good ending with good attorneys and a good court ruling, it never went into the guardianship per se. My husband always relied very heavily on his sister whom he loved very, very much and took care of, he had always taken care of his mom for the last 30 years, the dad died in '76 and the mother was a Dutch immigrant from Holland, she scrubbed floors, what have you. Anyway, long story short, my husband had his home in a living trust I did not know any of this Tony and I got married in '09. All the sudden the sister is screaming about, she wants her share of his home, I was like, well what happened here. Well, what had happened after the death of the mother in '05, before I was around, she had finagled my husband to take his home out of this living trust and allow her to sign on to the title of his paid off home. She then proceeded to sue my husband to try to take the home, half of it. We had very good lawyers, thank God, Hutchison and Stephen; Jacob Reynolds represented us, a very good judge, Douglas Smith who ruled in our favor. The scam was they had ran the value of their home up, the mortgage, to \$200,000, that came out during depositions. They were in their late 60s, the husband was 69, everybody wanted to retire so they thought they would help themselves to my husband's home. Jacob Reynolds and our attorney, Rick Wade, and Kirman (sp) Taylor, and thank God for a judge that saw through this and ruled in our favor but it's a worry that as Tony ages, although we've taken care within our trust, I agree with what this gentleman suggested, either there should be some sort of public outreach or something to encourage seniors while they still are in their right mind to appoint a trusted person that should they become, that that person that they love and trust to take care of their affairs. Thank you for letting me speak.

Justice Hardesty: Okay, thank you. Anyone else wanting to make public comment? Okay, I think that concludes public comment then.

Leonard Stein: Hi, my name is Leonard Stein; I'm the husband of Ellen Stein. Her case number is G1237449A. I'm sorry; I'm not a good public speaker. I would like to speak on behalf of my wife; she was constricted in a fraudulent guardianship. I have a lot to say but 30 minutes is kind of a short time to say about what happened during 4 years in the hands of the guardianship system. I thank you for giving me the opportunity to bring up her case and maybe we can stop to not to have the same thing what happened to my wife. My wife and I we were married nearly or close to 30 years in a loving relationship.

We were taking care of each other, we were close friends. My wife suffered from dementia early but everything was, her speech and everything was still there, she was still getting forgetful. Anyway, in June she was writing checks to her daughter and they bounced. So she went to the bank and they said you have no more rights for you accounts. So she checked with her son, what happened with the accounts? He said, "Well, I took over all your accounts, you have no right to it, you cannot write no checks." So, meantime, he contact Mrs. Tyrell and start taking over her guardianship. For some reason or so only two days before the court hearing, she received a notice from the court that she had to appear to the court. She could not sleep the whole night so she made me call, so we called Mrs. Tyrell and asked questions about the hearing. One hour later the police showed and a paramedic came, picked up my wife against her will, took her to Saint Rose. From Saint Rose she was transferred over to Spring Mountain Sahara for three days observation. I was allowed every day one hour to see her and every time I came here she said "did you bring my clothes", I said "no, you have to stay three days." Every day the same question, the third day I did not bring, she was not allowed to leave, then she protested, got very angry about it, and the third day when I came she was not the same anymore. She was a complete vegetable; she was in a wheelchair and did not know who I am or who she is. A lot intervention or so, we got her out after 8 days but in her condition she was not allowed to come home no more, so she was put in a memory care assisted living. The whole ordeal took 5 weeks and then she was allowed to come home we had a permanent caregiver living with us in the house and she did not accept it and so we were practically taken over. I have nothing to say anymore and I think, as a husband, I supposed to be her guardian it was named some strange people, her name is Denise Comastro, was taking over. Well, all kind of things and protests happened. I was removed from the house and was completely separated from my wife and I was allowed only under supervision to talk to her for one hour and she always asked me "where are you, why are you not here with me" and I was not allowed to tell her why. I always was told I had to lie to her, we were not allowed to speak in our language and every time I came back she would say "when are you coming back, you're going shopping, you never come back", it happened all the time and I had to lie again. I don't know what was lied to her, why I am not there, I was not allowed to tell her and she said "you're lying to me, you have somebody else, you promised me until death do us part..." I did not know what to tell her. So later on, since I was not allowed to live there no more even she's in a hospital or she was totally, I mean, she was not that far down that she, I mean, to not to live at home, she needed help and the caregiver she could probably even live today, but in my opinion why I estimate be removed there, she could not feed her and talk to her and share some movies, some songs that she liked, she would not go that far down. And all this due to my stepson and Elyse Tyrell. I don't know why she's here. She destroyed my marriage and our lives. So I would recommend for her, (inaudible) in my physical and mental condition, I supposed to be a guardian over my wife, not strangers. So everybody else, if parents are their children are for some reason under guardianship, they supposed to be in line, not strangers in control by (inaudible). Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak to you and hope we can change this so it does not happen to others, the same thing what happened to me. It's not only that but my wife was never working, I loved her, I kept her at home, I fully supported her for all these years and allowed her, when we married she came in the marriage with some assets which always were protected as hers. So, I don't know what to say no more. She lost all her money and she passed away 3 weeks ago. Before she was relocated she was relocated in December from Las Vegas to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania and in the petition it was that she would not be taken away from me, I had the

rights to visit her, to talk to her, to find out about her conditions, was never given to me any telephone number, no address so I had to Google it. And finally I got ahold of the place and where she is telephone number and I called and they said "I'm sorry, you cannot visit, you cannot talk to her, I'm not allowed to give you any information." Why not, I'm the husband? Well, you have to take that up with (inaudible). Every time I requested did not even answer then I take a photocopy of that line what it says I'm allowed, she's not being taken away and I forward it to Mrs. Tyrell but before I get any answer her son called and she passed away. So I think it is unfair that somebody controls me and now she is not allowing me to even have a death certificate and she said if you need a death certificate (inaudible). So I gave him my car insurance she was still on as my wife, even she was not driving anymore but it's their law. But he did, he call them up and he changed the address to made to come to him. I called up and they said, they called me and asked me if I, for me to confirm that I changed the address, I said no. And now I straightened that out I said I do not have no death certificate because my wife passed away well you do not need than then they changed it and they send me new ID's and new contact policy. That's what I would like to add on to.

Justice Hardesty: Okay Mr. Stein, thank you for your comments today.

Leonard Stein: Thank you for listening to me and giving me the opportunity.

Richard Black: Thank you Commission and Chief Justice Hardesty. My name is Richard Black. February marks a year since Nevada media began exposing corruption in Clark County Family Court, adult guardianship. Sadly, after a year of widespread media exposure, the attorney general launching an investigation into guardianship fraud, three new laws to protect the vulnerable, and a new guardianship judge in Clark County, and the formation of this Commission, nothing has really changed. At least 12 cognizant people were freed from fraudulent guardianships but none of their money was returned or even accounted for. Each time the guardian was allowed to withdraw, receive their final payment from the estate, and not required to account for the estate funds that were consumed or negligently lost. The victims who have been freed are destitute, no victim centric reform has been adopted, Judge Steel continues to defend all Judge Hoskin and Commissioner Norheim's decisions, and no one has been charged. Presiding Family Court Judge Charles Hoskin defends his court and blames the issues on being overworked. The evidence continues to reveal bigger issues. The case of Ruth Braslow is an example. Judge Steel recused herself in this case last July. Judge Hoskin took the case even though an order had been issued defining other judges would hear Judge Steel's recusals. Judge Hoskin awarded April Parks and her attorney, Lee Drizin, \$20,000 in fees from the estate for their efforts fighting Ruth's son, who was demanding guardianship of his mother, and then Hoskin recused himself. Now Judge Miley has the case and April Parks has yet to produce an accounting for a 3 year guardianship. Judge Miley awarded the son the guardianship in February as Ms. Parks withdrew. You just heard Leonard Stein's story. Judge Hoskin signed the order awarding temporary guardianship to Denise Comastro the very afternoon Ms. Tyrell filed a routine petition for guardianship with the court. No hearing, no discussion with Helen, and no consideration of the physician's certificate by Helen's treating neurologist, confirming she could and should attend the hearing to represent herself. Elyse Tyrell and her client Denise Comastro ordered a Legal 2000 psychiatric incarceration to insure Helen never defended herself in court. Commissioner Norheim not admonishing Ms. Tyrell that it is illegal per NRS433A to incarcerate a dementia patient and

assigning Lee Drizin to investigate as GAL insured Helen would be forever silenced. The parties who perverted Nevada's Family Courts the last 20 years continue to influence. Suspect court participants, Dara Goldsmith, Jon Norheim, Shelley Krohn, Lee Drizin, Alan Freer, Bradley Richardson, and Linda Sisson, were appointed to Guardian Commission committees and Hoskin and Norheim still have their jobs. Their proposed reforms protect their interests, not the victims. Those actions sadly justify many victims in this very room who are suspicious of this Commission's agenda. As you deliberate I ask each of you to put yourself in the shoes of a victim or their family. Recognize Nevada laws are being violated to this day and I pray you demand the overdue reforms are implemented. Thank you.

Justice Hardesty: Mr. Black, before you go, would you please send an email to Ms. Heying with the case numbers of each of the 12 cases that you referred to in your comments just a moment ago? I want each one of those cases.

Richard Black: I will sir.

Rudy North: May I make this request? That you remove this ad litem individual. She seems to be more busy on her text than she is listening to people like Mr. Black and others. Can I make that request sir?

Justice Hardesty: You've made the request.

Rudy North: Thank you sir.

Elizabeth Indig: Hi, my name is Elizabeth Indig, I didn't bring my case number, I've been concentrating on making my mom happy. I wasn't going to speak, but I just have to speak. The idea of assigning an attorney to the ward would be a good idea in a perfect world where the attorneys were not corrupt. If you leave the corrupt attorneys in the pool, the wards are like lambs being led to the slaughter. So I don't see how this is going to work. I really think the idea where...

Justice Hardesty: Please allow a little more...I greatly appreciate...

Elizabeth Indig: Sir...I'm sorry.

Justice Hardesty: I sincerely appreciate the comments and have taken them into consideration. I'm an optimistic guy by nature. A lot has occurred and a lot more needs to be done, for sure. Turning around a system that has been challenged, rectifying it is an issue we have to deal with.

Elizabeth Indig: I understand.

Justice Hardesty: A lot of investigation needs to be undertaken. A lot of questions from the testimony that has been provided here continue to frustrate me considerably, to the extent that any of these comments made in these various cases raise questions about the commission of violations of law or criminal acts, I continue to be perplexed as to why these issues have not been addressed. We learned recently, part of that is that law enforcement had treated these as civil matters, that's changing. So there's more that needs to be done. I have in mind some other things I want the Commission to look at and recommend. I appreciate the frustrations, but I continue to be optimistic that some systemic

changes can be made in this process. Will it occur over night or in short-term as some have called for? Probably it will never be as quick as many of you are demanding, but I do think that there are some very serious issues that this Commission has examined and will continue to examine and will make recommendations on. For some of you who may not know, the activity of this Commission is now being examined and considered by states all over the country and by citizens of various states. I receive letters from folks all over the United States either adding information or expressing further issues or questions about what's happening in their state, things that could be done that our Commission might address that could be passed on to the courts in those states. I think this has been a very healthy reexamination of a process and it will continue to be very thorough. I'm sorry for interrupting your remarks. I am familiar with your case, as is the Commission, if you have something new to add, fine, otherwise I'd like to get on about the business and doing what we need to do.

Elizabeth Indig: Yeah, I'm making it brief, I have one more comment.

Justice Hardesty: Okay...

Elizabeth Indig: It took 2 years for me to figure out the crimes had been committed and the clock is now ticking. The statute of limitation on April Parks' theft and fraud are running out and that needs to be addressed also. The statute of limitations in guardianship, I don't know, I don't understand the law but something needs to be done where somebody only finds out years later, they can still do something about it. And then, I apologize in advance for this, I am so grateful to Legal Aid for finally coming to my rescue, my mom's rescue, and appointing a competent attorney for my mom. But I am concerned about this \$100,000 after, Ms. (inaudible), was it, just came up here to say negative things about families. I'd like to know who donated this 100,000. And I'm sure I have PTSD and I'm paranoid, but you know what, how do I know one of the corrupt attorneys didn't donate the 100,000 to get rid of all the cases? That's all. I'm sorry.

Justice Hardesty: Okay, any other comments? I'd like to move on with the business of the Commission at this point, if I may.