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Affidavit #1 of Dr. Arthur Prowse
Sworn August 23, 2007

Action No:
Victoria Registry

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

IN THE MATTER OF THE *PATIENTS PROPERTY ACT*
R.S.B.C. 1996, CHAPTER 349 AS AMENDED

-AND-

IN THE MATTER OF KATHLEEN PALAMAREK, PATIENT

AFFIDAVIT

I, Dr. Arthur Prowse, of 211-2453 Beacon Avenue, Sidney, British Columbia, MAKE OATH AND SAY THAT:


1. I am a duly qualified physician licensed to practice in the Province of British Columbia.
2. I specialize in the practice of Geriatric Psychiatry.
3. I have treated Kathleen Palamarek for the last two years and I last examined Mrs. Palamarek on May 30, 2007 at the Saanich Peninsula Hospital extended care unit, Saanichton, British Columbia.
4. On my observation of Mrs. Palamarek, it is my opinion that she is, by reason of mixed dementia of Alzheimer's and vascular types, incapable of managing her financial affairs and incapable of managing her person.
5. I initiated a Folstein Mini Mental Status Examination of Mrs. Palamarek on May 30, 2007 but discontinued after she obtained a score of nine on the initial twenty-one items.

6. Mrs. Palamarek was not oriented to time and place, but was able to follow simple instruction. Her short term memory is impaired.
7. In my opinion, Mrs. Palamarek is unable to understand the nature and extent of her finances and cannot conduct her own banking.
8. Mrs. Palamarek is also unable to make decisions about where she should be living and unable to make informed health care decisions or to manage her own personal hygiene. In my opinion, she is unable to make decisions that would ensure her safety.
9. In my opinion, Mrs. Palamarek is unable to manage her financial affairs or herself as she suffers from generalized cognitive dysfunction of moderate degree, impaired memory, cognitive processing, insight, judgment and reasoning. She exhibits a moderate degree of dysexecutive syndrome, a cluster of impairments generally associated with damage to the frontal lobes of the brain, causing difficulties with planning, making decisions, reasoning and organizing.
10. In my opinion, Mrs Palamarek's ability to manage her affairs and person is unlikely to improve as progressive deterioration is expected.

11. It is my opinion that service of the documents in connection with this committee application would be injurious to Mrs. Palamarek's health as it would cause unnecessary emotional distress and agitation which she would not be able to appropriately comprehend or process.

SWORN BEFORE ME at the City of Victoria,)
in the Province of British Columbia, this)
23 day of August, 2007)

Heather Fisher)
A Commissioner for taking Affidavits within)
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