

1 STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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2 COUNTY OF C O O K)

3 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
4 COUNTY DEPARTMENT - PROBATE DIVISION

5 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE)
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6 OF)
) No. 09 P 4585
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7 MARY SYKES,)

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9 REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

10 BE IT REMEMBERED, that the above-entitled
11 cause came on for a hearing, before the HONORABLE
12 JANE STUART, Judge of said court, on January 25, 2011, at
13 the Richard J. Daley Center, Room 1804, Chicago,
14 Illinois.

15 PRESENT:

16 MS. CYNTHIA FARENGA,
Guardian ad litem for Mary Sykes;

17 MR. PETER SCHMIEDEL,
18 appeared on behalf of the Guardian of the estate
and person;

19 MR. ADAM STERN,
20 Guardian ad litem.

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2 THE COURT: No, it's not. I'm going to limit it to
3 that. What is before me is a motion for default
4 judgment. Your client has filed this; is that correct?

5 MR. SCHMIEDEL: Yes, Judge, it was a motion to
6 strike it filed by Ms. Sykes' attorney at the time that
7 was denied by Judge Connors. And she was -- an order was
8 entered giving a certain amount of time to respond.

9 There was a period of time we were trying to
10 settle the case, so it didn't move on the motion -- on
11 the order that gave it a certain amount of time. I
12 really set it for today. You know, we are set for a full
13 day on February 15th.

14 THE COURT: Yes, you want this to be considered on
15 February 15.

16 MR. SCHMIEDEL: I did, Judge. And I thought
17 Ms. Sykes had an attorney that was going to be entering
18 an appearance today. They had the opportunity to see it
19 and know it in advance of the 15th. I don't expect
20 the --

21 THE COURT: I'll enter and continue it then to the
22 15th of February. You'll have your opportunity to file
23 your documents.

24 MS. SYKES: Your Honor, I also entered -- and I

1 would like to have this set too. I entered to have --
2 also, I would be filing motions regarding this partition
3 that was already filed in this. There was no due process
4 involved.

5 THE COURT: Don't make your arguments now, ma'am.
6 That's why we have the 15th.

7 MS. SYKES: I filed this on December 8.

8 THE COURT: Did you serve it on anybody?

9 MS. SYKES: Yes, it was all received.

10 THE COURT: Did you receive it?

11 MR. SCHMIEDEL: I'm not sure what she's referring
12 to.

13 MR. STERN: I'm not sure what you're referring to.

14 THE COURT: All right. Let me just take you -- I'm
15 going to ask you to show the guardian ad litem and
16 counsel the document. Did you receive it, ma'am?

17 MS. FARENGA: Yes, your Honor.

18 MS. SYKES: They also --

19 THE COURT: Stop one second.

20 MR. SCHMIEDEL: Judge, I got to tell you I don't
21 remember it offhand. We got so many different --

22 MS. SYKES: Your Honor, they responded to it. And I
23 responded --

24 THE COURT: Then it will be taken up on the 15th.

1 Let me ask you today if you will photocopy that, so both
2 of you can have a copy that you can take away with you
3 today. You've acknowledged receipt, ma'am; is that
4 correct? Ms. Farenga?

5 MS. FARENGA: I'm sorry. Yes, your Honor. Yes, I
6 did.

7 THE COURT: So if you can get a copy of that. And
8 then we will take that up on the 15th as well. That's
9 why we have the full day.

10 MS. SYKES: Your Honor, if I may. I'm going to be
11 filing as I said not take leave to file an additional
12 appearance. I already have an appearance on file.

13 THE COURT: You don't -- I'm not -- until it's
14 before me, I don't rule on it. I don't rule on things
15 that --

16 MS. SYKES: Judge, I'm asking if I can file an
17 additional appearance if I need to represent me.

18 THE COURT: I have no idea whether the argument
19 would be for or against it. You can do whatever you want
20 to do. I'm not going to -- I'm not making any decision
21 on that until I know what is before me.

22 MR. STERN: Judge, today it was set for status for
23 Ms. Sykes to obtain an attorney. I think she's trying to
24 say she has to represent herself pro se. I think that's

1 what she's trying to say.

2 THE COURT: Is that true, ma'am?

3 MS. SYKES: Yes, I said I would like to file an
4 additional --

5 THE COURT: No, no, if you're already part of the
6 case, you don't have to file another appearance.

7 MS. SYKES: That's all I wanted to do and --

8 THE COURT: Thank you for making that clear. I'll
9 see you on the 15th.

10 MR. STERN: Thank you, your Honor.

11 MR. SCHMIEDEL: Have a good day, Judge.

12 MS. FARENGA: Thank you.

13 THE COURT: Okay. And please make sure we get a
14 copy of that, ma'am, that document you filed with the two
15 attorneys.

16 MS. SYKES: I will scan it and have it e-mailed to
17 you.

18 THE COURT: You know I would prefer if you would
19 photocopy it. You can go right down the hall here. And
20 if you gentlemen will accompany her. And we can get a
21 copy made today. And then I'll know that everybody has
22 everything. Thank you.

23 (Whereupon, the above-entitled cause
24 was continued to 2/15/11.)

