

1 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY
2 COUNTY DEPARTMENT - PROBATE DIVISION

3 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE)
)
4 of) No. 09 P 4585
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5 MARY SYKES,)
 A Disabled Person.)

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7 **BE IT REMEMBERED**, that the above-entitled
8 cause, came on for a hearing, before the Honorable
9 MAUREEN E. CONNORS, Judge of said Court, on
10 the 25th day of January, 2010, at the Richard J.
11 Daley Center, Room 1814, Chicago, Illinois.

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13 Mr. Adam M. Stern and
14 Ms. Cynthia R. Farenga
 Guardians Ad Litem;

15 Mr. Peter J. Schmiedel,
16 Appeared on behalf of Caroline Toerpe;

17 Ms. Colleen Joyce,
18 Appeared on behalf of Gloria Sykes;

19 Ms. Caroline Toerpe
20 Mr. Fred Toerpe
21 Ms. Gloria Sykes
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1 THE COURT: Estate of Sykes.

2 MS. FARENGA: Sykes.

3 THE COURT: Let's get everyone who is here
4 on the Sykes case.

5 Start with the lawyers; can you identify
6 yourselves for the record, please.

7 MS. JOYCE: Colleen Joyce on behalf of
8 daughter, Gloria Sykes.

9 THE COURT: Say again now.

10 MS. JOYCE: Colleen Joyce on behalf of
11 daughter, Gloria Sykes.

12 THE COURT: All right. And your appearance
13 is on file?

14 MS. JOYCE: It is on file. We are actually
15 just here on a motion to withdraw.

16 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.

17 Sir, you are?

18 MR. STERN: Adam Stern, S-t-e-r-n, one of
19 the guardian ad litem.

20 MS. FARENGA: Good morning, Your Honor.

21 Cynthia Farenga, F-a-r-e-n-g-a,
22 guardian ad litem.

23 THE COURT: Thank you.

24 Sir.

1 MR. SCHMIEDEL: Peter Schmiedel,
2 S-c-h-m-i-e-d-e-l.

3 Judge, I am asking leave to substitute in
4 as counsel for Caroline Toerpe. Mr. Waller is
5 withdrawing. I do have a substitution.

6 (Tendering document.)

7 THE COURT: Mr. Toerpe, this is your
8 signature; is that right?

9 MR. TOERPE: Yes.

10 THE COURT: Okay. I will allow
11 the substitution in. Thank you.

12 Let's get everyone's name now. Ma'am, state
13 your name, please.

14 MS. YOLANDA BAKKAN: Yolanda Bakkan.

15 THE COURT: Ms. Bakkan, how do you know
16 Ms. Sykes? Are you a sister of Mary?

17 MS. YOLANDA BAKKAN: Yes, I am. I am her
18 baby sister, Mary Sykes.

19 THE COURT: Thank you.

20 Madam?

21 MS. KATHY BAKKAN: And I am Kathy Bakkan,
22 Mary's niece, and I am a witness.

23 THE COURT: A witness? Well, whatever.
24 Good enough.

1 Madam, you are?

2 MS. SYKES: I am Gloria Jean Sykes, Mary's
3 daughter. I am also pro se, and I am also a witness
4 to everything that's been going on.

5 THE COURT: All right. Sir, your name,
6 please.

7 MR. EVANS: I am Scott Evans. I and my mom
8 have been family friends of Mary, Charles, and
9 Gloria Sykes. Charles is Mary's deceased husband.

10 THE COURT: All right.

11 MR. EVANS: Since 1995 and I am a witness
12 also.

13 THE COURT: A what?

14 MR. EVANS: I am a witness also.

15 THE COURT: I am not sure what you people
16 are witnesses to, but we will find out, I guess.

17 MR. EVANS: Well, we've been involved
18 in this case.

19 THE COURT: Yes, yes. That designation is
20 a little unclear.

21 I'm sorry, madam?

22 MS. REED: My name is Linda Reed, and I am
23 an observer.

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1 THE COURT: Ms. Reed, are you involved
2 in this case?

3 MS. REED: I am just observing, Your Honor.

4 MS. FARENGA: She may -- This may be
5 a member of the media.

6 THE COURT: No. She is a litigant on
7 another case I have.

8 MS. REED: Yes, I am.

9 Thank you, Your Honor.

10 THE COURT: I know, but you don't have any
11 connection to these people, do you?

12 MS. REED: Well, I am just here to look
13 because I am on another case and I need to know
14 how court -- the court is ran so when I come in on
15 Wednesday.

16 THE COURT: It is an open courtroom.
17 You are here all the time. You cannot speak in this
18 case, ma'am.

19 MS. REED: No, I will not speak, Your Honor,
20 but I am Linda Reed.

21 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

22 Ma'am?

23 MS. TOERPE: Caroline Toerpe, guardian of
24 Mary Sykes.

1 MR. TOERPE: Fred Toerpe, Public Guardian.

2 THE COURT: Thank you.

3 How is your mother?

4 MS. TOERPE: Very well.

5 THE COURT: Any change in her condition?

6 MS. TOERPE: She is healthier. She is
7 gaining weight.

8 THE COURT: That's good news.

9 Any negative change in her condition then?

10 MS. TOERPE: Pardon me?

11 THE COURT: No negative change in her
12 condition?

13 MS. TOERPE: Oh, no, not at all, not at all.

14 MR. TOERPE: She is up to a whopping
15 102 pounds.

16 THE COURT: Very good.

17 So is this set by order or was it motioned
18 up?

19 MS. JOYCE: Motioned up.

20 THE COURT: You motioned it up today?

21 MS. JOYCE: Yes.

22 THE COURT: Do you have your motion to
23 withdraw?

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1 MS. JOYCE: I don't have it with me. It is
2 in the file.

3 THE COURT: It was filed on a prior date?

4 MR. STERN: I think it was motioned up for
5 Friday for some reason.

6 THE COURT: For Friday?

7 MS. JOYCE: There was a problem with
8 the Clerk's calendar. It was originally the 22nd and
9 then it was --

10 MR. STERN: We all received notice.

11 MS. FARENGA: I may have a copy of it.

12 THE COURT: Yes, get a copy of it.

13 MS. FARENGA: I don't have my entire file
14 because that would require a mule to carry, but
15 I have the notice.

16 THE COURT: Have there been visits since
17 the last time we were in court from the daughter
18 Gloria?

19 MR. STERN: No.

20 MS. TOERPE: No.

21 MR. TOERPE: She has not requested.

22 THE COURT: She has not requested any
23 visits?

24 MS. SYKES: Yes, I have.

1 MS. FARENGA: I have the notice of motion,
2 Your Honor. The motion is not attached.

3 THE COURT: All right. I don't have
4 a motion to rule on, but you want to withdraw,
5 counsel?

6 MS. JOYCE: Yes.

7 THE COURT: Is it just you or other --

8 MS. JOYCE: It was the Law Offices of
9 Kevin Joyce, LLC.

10 We just ask that she be given 21 days
11 if she wants to get alternate counsel.

12 THE COURT: Yes, the usual order, but
13 I would love to have the motion.

14 You don't have a copy of it?

15 MS. JOYCE: No.

16 THE COURT: It was filed here in court
17 before?

18 MS. JOYCE: It was. It was filed,
19 I believe --

20 THE COURT: Let me see on the computer.

21 MR. STERN: It looks like it was filed
22 January 5th. It is really hard to see the stamp
23 on the notice at least.

24 THE COURT: Yes, you filed it.

1 MS. JOYCE: On the day there was trouble
2 downstairs with the computer getting a date.

3 THE COURT: For a date to come in on?

4 MS. JOYCE: It was originally noticed up,
5 I believe, for the 22nd; is that correct?

6 MS. FARENGA: Yes.

7 MS. JOYCE: And then --

8 MS. FARENGA: It wasn't on the Clerk's
9 schedule as we were told by counsel.

10 THE COURT: It has the wrong room number
11 on here. It says 1812.

12 But anyway, Lisa, let's see.

13 THE CLERK: January 5th, notice of motion.

14 MS. JOYCE: Everybody received notice,
15 including our client has no objection. In fact,
16 she wants to proceed pro se.

17 THE COURT: I know, counsel. I am going to
18 grant it, but I want to make sure there is evidence
19 of it in the file is all I am saying.

20 Lisa, we do have that then?

21 THE CLERK: Yes.

22 THE COURT: Filed on the 5th?

23 THE CLERK: It says it was filed on the 5th,
24 notice of motion, date of service, set a hearing

1 date.

2 THE COURT: All right. Very good.

3 Whose is this, counsel?

4 MS. FARENGA: Mine.

5 THE COURT: (Tendering document.)

6 MS. FARENGA: Thank you.

7 THE COURT: Your lawyer wants to withdraw,
8 ma'am, do you know that?

9 MS. SYKES: Yes. It is mutual.

10 THE COURT: Very good. Granted.

11 Counsel, write that up. Give it 21 days to
12 get a new lawyer in here.

13 All right. Anything else that you have for
14 today, sir?

15 MR. SCHMIEDEL: No, Judge.

16 THE COURT: Guardian ad litem?

17 MS. SYKES: Your Honor --

18 THE COURT: I know. We are going to get to
19 you, madam.

20 Ms. Farenga, anything else for today that
21 you are presenting?

22 MS. FARENGA: No.

23 THE COURT: Mr. Stern?

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1 MR. STERN: No. It was set on Gloria Sykes'
2 motion.

3 THE COURT: Okay. So at some point we are
4 going to have to figure out one guardian ad litem
5 probably is good. I needed two certainly as we went
6 along, but we will have to figure this out.

7 Ms. Sykes, do you have some things you are
8 presenting today?

9 MS. SYKES: Yes, Your Honor.

10 First I'd like to let you know that I have
11 Mr. Joel Brodsky on retainer, if I need him for
12 procedural matters down the line.

13 Mr. Joel Brodsky is right now in court.
14 He represents Drew Peterson, but I do have him on
15 retainer if I need him.

16 THE COURT: Well, that's up to you, either
17 you are represented or you are not. If he files
18 his appearance then you will be represented.

19 MS. SYKES: He hasn't. I just want
20 the Court to be made aware of that, I do have him on
21 retainer.

22 Secondly, Your Honor, I want to make it
23 clear here, with all due respect, that -- and I hope
24 you appreciate this -- I am standing before you today

1 with the truth and we have stood here and I hope
2 the Court wants the truth.

3 THE COURT: Madam, all I want to know is
4 what motions you are asking for leave to file today.

5 Are there any motions you are asking leave
6 to file today?

7 MS. SYKES: Yes.

8 I filed some motions on the 15th. You were
9 not here, even though we were set to be here on
10 the 15th. And the judge then just told me to --
11 That they were good motions, she actually said.

12 THE COURT: They were good motions?

13 MS. SYKES: She said they were good motions
14 and accurate motions. You have them in your file
15 and --

16 THE COURT: Leave to file was granted?
17 I don't know. But whatever, let's move on.

18 Let's start, where would you want to start
19 at?

20 MS. SYKES: I want to...

21 Well, first Kevin Joyce and Colleen Joyce
22 on the 18th filed and served a motion to --

23 THE COURT: Withdraw.

24 MS. SYKES: No.

1 THE COURT: No?

2 MS. SYKES: They filed...

3 On the 18th of December -- I'm sorry,
4 Your Honor -- they filed a motion to reconsider
5 the care plan; am I correct? Because I never got
6 a copy of that motion.

7 THE COURT: Madam, I want to know what
8 motions you are presenting today.

9 MS. SYKES: Well, I would like to take that
10 motion and set it for a briefing. It was supposed --

11 THE COURT: Do you have a copy of this
12 motion?

13 MS. SYKES: It should be in your file there.

14 THE COURT: You should have it so I can see
15 what we are talking about and everybody could get
16 a copy of it.

17 If you don't have any, let's move on to
18 the next issue then.

19 MS. SYKES: Unfortunately, Ms. Joanne
20 Denison has those. It was obviously disqualified
21 until she was up on appeal and all this other stuff.

22 So she has this, and she is not in court
23 today.

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1 THE COURT: So you can't present it today,
2 madam, is what I am saying.

3 MS. SYKES: But they -- I need to renotice
4 it.

5 The second is that you do have -- you have
6 the motion in there to reconsider Caroline Toerpe,
7 a plenary guardian over Mary G. Sykes.

8 THE COURT: Wait a minute, motion to
9 reconsider?

10 MS. SYKES: Yes, this one. I left it with
11 the judge on the 15th as a courtesy copy.
12 It's a large one.

13 THE COURT: What's the date of appointment
14 of the guardian?

15 MS. SYKES: The 10th.

16 THE COURT: December 11th.

17 Was this filed within 30 days?

18 MS. SYKES: Yes, it was.

19 THE COURT: Motion to reconsider, all right.
20 Have you seen this motion?

21 MR. SCHMIEDEL: I have, Judge. There is
22 nothing...

23 I wasn't involved obviously in the initial
24 hearing, but there is nothing that really comports

1 with what would be the proper motion to reconsider.

2 THE COURT: Do you want to file a responsive
3 pleading and get this moving along here?

4 MR. SCHMIEDEL: We can do that if the Court
5 wishes.

6 THE COURT: A short period of time, counsel.
7 So how much time do you need to file
8 your responsive plea?

9 MR. SCHMIEDEL: Two weeks.

10 THE COURT: All right. Counsel, I am giving
11 you 14 days to respond to your motion.

12 MS. SYKES: Thank you.

13 THE COURT: Do you need to reply to it?

14 MS. SYKES: Excuse me?

15 THE COURT: Do you need to file a reply?

16 MS. SYKES: To theirs?

17 THE COURT: Yes.

18 MS. SYKES: Yes, I would like to.

19 THE COURT: 14 and 7. Set it for hearing
20 after that.

21 MS. SYKES: Thank you very much, Your Honor.

22 I also filed for visitation, which again
23 the other judge had really thought it was very
24 appropriate.

1 MR. STERN: Judge, there were no comments
2 in the record about any of that, and I was there.

3 So I am not sure what she is referring to.

4 MS. SYKES: I have the transcript,
5 Your Honor.

6 THE COURT: Anyway, what is the status on
7 visitation now? Is the guardian allowing visitation
8 or not?

9 MS. TOERPE: We had a Christmas Eve dinner.
10 That was the last time we communicated in the
11 courtroom. All phone conversations, she has never
12 spoken to me and never asked me to come visit mother.

13 MS. SYKES: That is not true, Your Honor.

14 THE COURT: Okay. So what visitation do you
15 want, ma'am?

16 MS. SYKES: Your Honor, Mr. Joyce stood
17 before you on the 18th -- excuse me, on the --

18 THE COURT: You are not objecting to
19 visitation, correct?

20 MS. TOERPE: No.

21 THE COURT: Let's get this worked out then,
22 madam.

23 MS. SYKES: Your Honor, Mr. Joyce stood
24 before you asking for Christmas. I have

1 the transcripts. In fact, they are in here.

2 THE COURT: We are going to look to the
3 future, madam.

4 What future visitation do you want?

5 MS. SYKES: In the transcripts you agree
6 that I could see mom on Christmas Day from 3:00 to
7 8:00.

8 THE COURT: That issue is not before me
9 right now.

10 MS. SYKES: What the issue is, Your Honor,
11 with all due respect, Your Honor --

12 THE COURT: Yes.

13 MS. SYKES: -- every time we have come
14 before you and you have liked the idea -- we have it
15 in the transcript -- we walk outside and they change
16 their mind.

17 My sister came before you and said
18 you didn't need any unsupervised visitations. All of
19 a sudden, we walk outside --

20 THE COURT: Are you demanding that they be
21 supervised? I don't recall.

22 MR. STERN: The court order does say
23 supervised visitation.

24 THE COURT: Okay.

1 MR. STERN: There have not been any change
2 to those court orders.

3 THE COURT: Okay.

4 MR. STERN: What counsel is referring to
5 Judge -- I'm sorry.

6 What Ms. Sykes is referring to is that
7 there was a conversation about visitation. You asked
8 to pass the case, and then we discussed it and then
9 a visitation order was entered for Christmas Eve.

10 There were no orders entered on any specific
11 time on Christmas Day or anything else. The parties
12 were to work it out.

13 From my understanding is that the guardian
14 did reach out to her sister in December of 2009 and
15 that nothing fruitful came out of that conversation.

16 There was a series of e-mails that were
17 exchanged where it was discussed that we should work
18 out a visitation plan, and then Gloria Sykes decided
19 to file these motions and not discuss this with her
20 sister or any of the parties to work out a visitation
21 after that Christmas Eve visit.

22 MS. SYKES: Your Honor, I was on the phone
23 with my mother, who is very articulate.

24

1 THE COURT: Madam, please stop talking.

2 All I want to know is when do you want to
3 visit your mother?

4 MS. SYKES: I would like to pick up
5 my mother and take her out.

6 THE COURT: When? What days?

7 MS. SYKES: I would like to come and
8 pick her up today and take her out to lunch.

9 THE COURT: Today is a little soon.

10 MS. SYKES: Okay. I would like to pick her
11 up tomorrow.

12 MR. SCHMIEDEL: It's supervised visitation,
13 Judge.

14 THE COURT: We are going to get to that.

15 MS. SYKES: Your Honor, under oath,
16 Your Honor, and in the transcript when she was
17 accepted prior to you giving her guardianship,
18 I asked her a question, will you allow mom to go out
19 of the house, yada-yada-yada.

20 THE COURT: Yes, if you have someone with
21 you.

22 MS. SYKES: No, it didn't.

23 Specifically the question was and you turned
24 to Carol and said, are you going to let her have

1 visits out of the house? And she said, absolutely.

2 I have the transcripts in there, Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: Okay. That's fine.

4 So you will be able to take your mother, but
5 it has to be supervised. Someone has to be with you.

6 MS. SYKES: And we already got someone.

7 We brought him to court.

8 THE COURT: Okay.

9 MS. SYKES: Mr. Tom Quinlan who is working
10 with the Archdiocese of Joliet. He is the religious
11 director. He lives not far from them. He came here
12 to court.

13 THE COURT: If this person is agreeable to
14 your sister, then let's proceed with setting
15 visitation.

16 What's the problem?

17 MS. FARENGA: I think, Your Honor, that --
18 may I speak for Mr. Stern? -- that at this exact
19 moment probably the best visitation would be provided
20 by one of the Toerpe family members --

21 MS. SYKES: No.

22 MS. FARENGA: -- because there is
23 a documented history of agitated phone calls
24 between --

1 THE COURT: I said it could be supervised
2 if they agreed on the supervisor.

3 So is this someone she agrees on?

4 MS. FARENGA: I don't know.

5 MS. SYKES: There are no documented
6 agitation, Your Honor.

7 THE COURT: All right, madam.

8 What days do you want to visit your mother?

9 MS. SYKES: I'd like to pick up my mother
10 tomorrow. I will call Mr. Quinlan.

11 THE COURT: Now, do you know Mr. Quinlan?

12 MR. SCHMIEDEL: No. We have no idea
13 who he is.

14 MS. SYKES: They met Mr. Quinlan.

15 THE COURT: Madam, let me ask.

16 Do you know this gentleman or not?

17 MS. TOERPE: No, I do not.

18 THE COURT: You do not.

19 MS. SYKES: They met him. Yes, they did.

20 He was in court here when Ms. Cynthia Farenga told --

21 THE COURT: All right then. She says
22 she hasn't -- or, maybe she doesn't know him.

23 MS. SYKES: She has.

24

1 THE COURT: She might have met him; I don't
2 know.

3 But anyway, she probably wants to know
4 whether this is an appropriate person to supervise.

5 MS. SYKES: He is the director of religious
6 programming for the Archdiocese out of Joliet.

7 THE COURT: Where does he live?

8 MS. SYKES: He lives in Willowbrook,
9 not from -- I think it is Willowbrook. They received
10 their --

11 THE COURT: Okay. Madam, take a breath.

12 You get the name and address and phone
13 number of this fellow. If he wants to come over and
14 meet with them, if that's what you want to do --

15 MS. TOERPE: Sure.

16 THE COURT: -- if he seems appropriate,
17 then he can be an appropriate supervisor for
18 the visitation; but we have to get that done first.

19 Right?

20 MS. TOERPE: Yes.

21 THE COURT: Okay.

22 MS. SYKES: Your Honor, I just --

23 THE COURT: Next issue then.

24

1 MS. SYKES: I have a concern here.

2 Your Honor, may I just -- Two minutes and
3 not even two minutes.

4 Mr. Waller just walked away. He walked away
5 because in my motions you will read that Mr. Waller
6 was -- he should have disqualified himself a long
7 time ago.

8 Mr. Waller was involved in this case in
9 January-February of last year because my sister took
10 \$4,000 out of my mother's account and she has been
11 taking money out of her account.

12 Now, I am standing here before you --

13 THE COURT: Just take a breath.

14 Now, when did your sister take the \$4,000
15 out of mother's account?

16 MS. SYKES: On or around January 18th.

17 THE COURT: January 18th?

18 MS. SYKES: Of 2009.

19 THE COURT: 2009, all right.

20 MS. SYKES: She claims that she had put it
21 in a long-term CD.

22 THE COURT: All right. One of you
23 investigate this.

24

1 MR. STERN: Judge, the money is in a CD.
2 I've already seen these documents. I have told
3 Gloria about this.

4 MS. SYKES: Why would they take...

5 They are depriving her of money. There was
6 a -- Your Honor.

7 THE COURT: Madam, your motions, let's look
8 at your motions.

9 MR. STERN: Inventory is due in February of
10 2010.

11 THE COURT: Okay.

12 MR. STERN: I assume it will be disclosed
13 on that.

14 THE COURT: All right.

15 MS. SYKES: Your Honor --

16 THE COURT: What other motions do you want
17 to address?

18 MS. SYKES: -- my mother filed an order of
19 protection against my sister to stop her from taking
20 her money.

21 THE COURT: Madam, I can't talk about
22 everything involved in your life.

23 MS. SYKES: And you turned her over to
24 the exact same person my mother did not want to

1 believe.

2 MS. FARENGA: Actually, Ms. Sykes filed
3 the order.

4 MS. SYKES: I did not.

5 MS. FARENGA: You did.

6 THE COURT: Okay. Next motion you want to
7 talk about, madam?

8 MS. SYKES: Can I ask you a question?

9 THE COURT: Yes.

10 MS. SYKES: Are they advocating for my
11 sister as opposed to my mother?

12 If they are advocating for my mother --

13 THE COURT: Madam, they know their
14 responsibility.

15 MS. SYKES: Why haven't they ever...

16 They never met my mother at her house.
17 My mother has not been allowed to have an attorney.
18 She has asked for an attorney. And that's my next
19 thing, I would like the Court to order that my mother
20 has an attorney.

21 THE COURT: Madam, let's go to your next
22 motion, please. Thank you.

23 Anytime either one of you talked to
24 Mrs. Sykes, has she asked for a lawyer?

1 MR. STERN: No.

2 MS. SYKES: Yes.

3 THE COURT: I am talking to the
4 guardian ad litem, madam. Thank you.

5 Next motion now.

6 MS. SYKES: We have witnesses --

7 THE COURT: Next motion, next motion.

8 MS. SYKES: We have witnesses that my mother
9 has -- And she has a legal right to have an attorney.

10 THE COURT: All right. Next motion.

11 MS. SYKES: And my sister has been on the
12 phone when my mother has talked to me. She is very
13 articulate, and they have rendered her as
14 incompetent.

15 THE COURT: Madam, can I ask you to deal
16 with the motion you are presenting today, madam.
17 Next motion.

18 MS. SYKES: The next motion that you have
19 there also is to bring my mother home.

20 THE COURT: Well, what's the care plan
21 that's been set up, that she live in the guardian's
22 home, correct?

23 MS. TOERPE: Yes.

24

1 THE COURT: Anything inappropriate about
2 that care plan?

3 MS. FARENGA: No.

4 MR. STERN: Definitely not.

5 MS. SYKES: Your Honor, they didn't come to
6 the Court and tell you that.

7 They set this up. My mother was taken from
8 a court --

9 MR. STERN: Who is "they," by the way?

10 MS. SYKES: My sister and Harvey Waller --

11 THE COURT: All right. Next motion.

12 MS. SYKES: My mother...

13 I would like to present the motion to bring
14 my mother home. She wants to be home. She has asked
15 to be home. She stood before your Court twice.

16 THE COURT: Madam, we talked about this
17 endlessly.

18 If she had the money to be in her home --

19 MS. SYKES: She does.

20 THE COURT: -- maybe we could, but you seem
21 to have a lot of money that you've got.

22 MS. SYKES: No, no.

23 THE COURT: All right.

24

1 MS. SYKES: Let's talk about that,
2 Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: If we can't talk about any other
4 motions, then we are going to --

5 MS. SYKES: Yes, Your Honor.

6 THE COURT: -- have to pass the case and
7 dispose of it for today because there is nothing else
8 to talk about.

9 Madam, any other motion you want to talk
10 about?

11 MS. SYKES: I want to bring my mother home.
12 I want the visitation motion.

13 THE COURT: Denied.

14 Anything else?

15 MS. SYKES: You are denying that?

16 THE COURT: Yes.

17 MS. SYKES: Then I will go on appeal on that
18 one.

19 THE COURT: Anything else?

20 MS. SYKES: I want the motion to
21 reconsider --

22 THE COURT: Well, we did that one already.

23 MS. SYKES: -- the guardianship.

24 THE COURT: We got that set up.

1 MS. SYKES: And we got that set up.

2 THE COURT: Any other motions?

3 MS. SYKES: I have -- Oh, by the way,
4 there is plenty of money for my mother.

5 THE COURT: I just want to know about
6 your motions, madam, please.

7 What other motions do you have? Any other
8 motions that you want to discuss today?

9 MS. SYKES: There was a third motion,
10 to bring my mother home. Oh, we also -- I also sent
11 out questions.

12 THE COURT: Any other motions, madam?
13 Please, motions.

14 Anything else you want to present today?

15 MS. SYKES: There is a third motion.
16 move my mother home, visitation.

17 I would also like --

18 THE COURT: Any other motions, madam?

19 MS. SYKES: -- the Court to reconsider
20 the care plan.

21 THE COURT: Is there something in writing?

22 MS. SYKES: Yes, it is.

23 THE COURT: Yes, that's denied already.

24 That's been denied. That one motion has been denied.

1 MS. SYKES: You are denying that motion to
2 reconsider care plan without any hearing?

3 THE COURT: There is no need for a hearing.

4 MS. SYKES: Your Honor, may I please present
5 something?

6 THE COURT: No. I think we talked about
7 every motion. Set up a schedule on one, denied
8 another, and --

9 MS. SYKES: Your Honor, may I please have
10 this on record?

11 THE COURT: No, madam, there is nothing
12 before me right now.

13 MS. SYKES: You allowed my sister to revise
14 her care plan, but you denied us the right to do
15 ours, to amend ours.

16 THE COURT: Okay.

17 MS. SYKES: You allowed her to revise hers;
18 you denied us the right. You also helped Carol with
19 her care plan.

20 THE COURT: I helped who?

21 MS. SYKES: You gave Carol some advise.
22 It is on record.

23 THE COURT: Okay.

24

1 All right then. Madam, do you want to say
2 something?

3 MS. YOLANDA BAKKAN: Yes, I would like to.

4 I would like to know why I am, for 80 years
5 knew my sister, why I am kept away from talking to
6 her and seeing her.

7 THE COURT: Hang on for a minute.

8 Does this lady call?

9 MS. YOLANDA BAKKAN: Your Honor, why do you
10 cut me off?

11 THE COURT: Just a minute. I am going to
12 find out what she thinks.

13 MS. YOLANDA BAKKAN: Are you going to
14 believe her?

15 MS. TOERPE: The last time the phone rang
16 was a few days ago.

17 THE COURT: Madam, one at the time.

18 MS. FARENGA: It said Arthur Bakkan.
19 We picked it up and it was Corina calling.

20 MS. YOLANDA BAKKAN: I can't hear you.

21 MS. TOERPE: The phone call came through
22 the other day. It said Arthur Bakkan. I picked up
23 the phone. I handed it to my mother. It was
24 Corina calling.

1 MS. YOLANDA BAKKAN: That's right. She is
2 concerned.

3 THE COURT: Who is Corina?

4 MS. TOERPE: The lady that lives with
5 my aunt.

6 THE COURT: Oh, okay.

7 MS. TOERPE: And I asked where my aunt was,
8 and she said she was not there. She was calling.
9 She also said, don't tell my aunt that I called.

10 THE COURT: Thank you.

11 So you take her phone calls; is that right?

12 MS. TOERPE: (Indicating.)

13 THE COURT: Madam, do you want to visit with
14 your sister or not?

15 MS. YOLANDA BAKKAN: Yes. I have been
16 calling like 150 times, if not more.

17 THE COURT: That's a lot.

18 MS. YOLANDA BAKKAN: And somebody answers
19 the phone, and I know for a fact 100 percent that
20 they are home but they will not answer the phone.

21 THE COURT: Make sure the phone is answered,
22 madam.

23 MS. TOERPE: I do.

24 THE COURT: All right.

1 MS. YOLANDA BAKKAN: My sister could
2 remember my number, but she doesn't have it.

3 THE COURT: Madam, you make sure you read
4 the order that Mr. Schmiedel is going to write up.
5 You read it.

6 MS. SYKES: Your Honor, I would also like
7 to know whether or not I need an order/a motion
8 to start an investigation for undue influence,
9 if I have to your hire an attorney to do that, or --

10 THE COURT: You have to decide what you want
11 to do, madam.

12 MS. SYKES: So I can put in a request for
13 that?

14 THE COURT: I don't know what you are
15 asking. I don't even understand your question,
16 madam.

17 So you decide. You do what you think is
18 best.

19 MS. SYKES: Your Honor, with all due
20 respect, when I was here the last time when you were
21 here you had a bunch of students here and you talked
22 about the Aster case, Your Honor.

23 And I am in contact -- I am with
24 Phillip Marshall, okay? Your Honor, I am in contact

1 with Phillip Marshall.

2 I am also doing a documentary. You don't
3 want to know the title of it right now, but I am also
4 doing --

5 THE COURT: Am I included in the
6 documentary?

7 MS. SYKES: Yes, you are, Your Honor.

8 THE COURT: Wow, fabulous.

9 Okay. Good luck to you, madam, with your
10 documentary.

11 Thank you. That will be all for today.
12 Thank you.

13 MS. YOLANDA BAKKAN: So, Your Honor,
14 what happens with me, I never see my sister again?

15 THE COURT: Madam, you should document
16 your phone calls. If you get your bill --

17 MS. YOLANDA BAKKAN: I have got them
18 all documented. They have been sent in.

19 MS. FARENGA: May I make a suggestion,
20 Your Honor?

21 THE COURT: What I am saying is if you
22 document...

23 You know, madam, can we all talk at one
24 time? Because then we have no record.

1 If you document your phone calls and I see
2 on your phone bill --

3 MS. YOLANDA BAKKAN: I did.

4 MS. SYKES: Let her talk.

5 MS. YOLANDA BAKKAN: She pissed me off.

6 MS. SYKES: She is the judge.

7 MR. STERN: This is why this case is
8 an issue. This is what happened in court.

9 THE COURT: Madam, can I talk to Ms. Sykes
10 for a minute?

11 Ms. Sykes, please be quiet.

12 MS. SYKES: These allegations that these
13 people are making --

14 THE COURT: Ms. Sykes, will you step back,
15 please? I cannot talk when you are talking.

16 Madam, if I see that you have some proof
17 that you made many, many phone calls that were
18 unanswered to the same phone number, that's
19 a different story.

20 I don't have any of that proof. If you want
21 to come in with something like that, please go ahead.

22 MS. YOLANDA BAKKAN: Okay. I've got a list
23 of it, pages.

24 THE COURT: Okay. Anything else?

1 MS. FARENGA: Well, I would like the record
2 to reflect that Your Honor did have a hearing on
3 the care plan presented by both sisters and found
4 against one.

5 You know, I don't know what's going to be --

6 MS. SYKES: You got to revise hers --

7 MS. FARENGA: -- appealed.

8 MS. SYKES: -- and I couldn't amend mine.

9 THE COURT: Okay.

10 MS. FARENGA: In the meantime, Your Honor,
11 if the parties want to visit at the home --

12 MS. SYKES: No.

13 MS. FARENGA: -- that might be an idea while
14 the references of this priest --

15 MS. SYKES: No.

16 MS. FARENGA: -- or whatever are being
17 checked, and that would be an ideal place for
18 Yolanda Bakkan to make her visit.

19 THE COURT: Do you want to visit
20 your mother?

21 MS. SYKES: No. We have been threatened.
22 I was told that I could not go there anymore.

23 I wasn't welcomed there. My aunt was told she could
24 not go there anymore.

1 In fact, my sister called -- My aunt will
2 tell you because I know it is hearsay, but my sister
3 called my aunt a bitch and told her she was no longer
4 welcomed there.

5 THE COURT: That's enough. Step back.
6 That's enough. Step back, please.

7 MS. FARENGA: We will prepare an order,
8 Your Honor. Thank you.

9 (Whereupon, the case was
10 passed and recalled,
11 after which the following
12 proceedings were had:)

13 THE COURT: Estate of Sykes.

14 MS. FARENGA: Good morning, Your Honor.
15 Cynthia Farenga, guardian ad litem.

16 THE COURT: Thank you.

17 MR. SCHMIEDEL: Peter Schmiedel,
18 S-c-h-m-i-e-d-e-l, on behalf of Caroline Toerpe.

19 MS. SYKES: Gloria Jean Sykes, Mary Sykes'
20 daughter, pro se and a witness.

21 MR. STERN: Adam Stern, one of the guardian
22 ad litem.

23 THE COURT: Madam, your name.
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1 MS. TOERPE: Caroline Toerpe, T-o-e-r-p-e,
2 Mary Sykes' guardian.

3 MR. TOERPE: Fred Toerpe.

4 THE COURT: Why did we recall this case?

5 MR. SCHMIEDEL: There was an issue, Judge,
6 with respect to what motions the Court denied.

7 It was our collective memory, except for
8 Gloria, that the Court denied the motion for return
9 home --

10 THE COURT: Correct.

11 MR. SCHMIEDEL: -- care plan --

12 THE COURT: Correct.

13 MR. SCHMIEDEL: -- and visitation.

14 MS. SYKES: You denied for visitation?

15 THE COURT: I don't know if I denied
16 visitation.

17 MR. SCHMIEDEL: Changing visitation.

18 MS. FARENGA: Well, that relates to the --

19 MS. SYKES: Your Honor, you didn't deny
20 the order to come home.

21 You told me to put in a -- You said to me,
22 you couldn't prove that you could afford that and
23 that I needed to put in a motion for that, but
24 you did not deny it. You said I needed to put in

1 a motion for that.

2 THE COURT: Which is the one that you are
3 responding to, sir?

4 MR. SCHMIEDEL: She said --

5 MR. STERN: Responding to the motion to
6 reconsider the guardian.

7 THE COURT: Right, right.

8 MR. STERN: You denied everything else,
9 is what I recall.

10 THE COURT: I believe I did because
11 the care plan is appropriate.

12 MR. SCHMIEDEL: Correct.

13 THE COURT: So there is no reason for me to
14 even consider that motion.

15 MS. SYKES: We asked you to reconsider
16 my care plan.

17 THE COURT: Which is totally inappropriate
18 because you are not the guardian, madam.

19 Why would I consider your care plan at this
20 point?

21 MS. SYKES: If we are reconsidering...

22 Your Honor, the grounds for reconsideration
23 of my care plan is that my attorney came to you and
24 we just wanted to amend it. You wouldn't allow us.

1 However, you allowed my sister to rewrite
2 and revise hers, and Harvey Waller came to you and
3 said "We revised it again, Your Honor."

4 So what you did is you allowed them to
5 revise theirs, and you refused to allow me to just
6 amend it.

7 THE COURT: Again, for you to offer
8 a care plan at this point is really irrelevant.
9 You are not the guardian, madam. It is the
10 guardian's responsibility to offer the care plan.

11 So the motion on its face doesn't really
12 make any sense.

13 MS. SYKES: But my attorneys made very good
14 sense in their motion that the Joyces put through
15 that we were supposed to hear on the 15th, and it was
16 set for the 15th, Your Honor.

17 THE COURT: What happened on the 15th?

18 MS. SYKES: You weren't here.

19 THE COURT: Was there an order entered?

20 MS. SYKES: Yes, there was.

21 THE COURT: What did the order say about
22 that motion?

23 MS. SYKES: The order said on...

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1 When they did it on the 18th, it said for
2 on the 15th to set for --

3 THE COURT: Again, you didn't have a copy of
4 that motion?

5 I don't know what that motion even is,
6 madam. I don't have the file. I don't have...

7 MS. SYKES: Well, it was in the file when
8 we were here on the 15th.

9 THE COURT: But, again, you are asking to
10 make some kind of a ruling on a motion that I don't
11 even know what it says.

12 MS. SYKES: But then please don't deny it,
13 don't vacate it, until I can get a motion before you
14 which it was set for a briefing schedule for
15 the 15th --

16 MS. FARENGA: Your Honor --

17 MS. SYKES: -- and you weren't here.

18 MS. FARENGA: -- everyone knew well before
19 the 15th that the Court had a schedule change and
20 was not going to be back until the 25th.

21 MS. SYKES: Everyone except my attorney.

22 MS. FARENGA: Mr. Stern and I had multiple
23 e-mails and possibly phone conversations with
24 Ms. Sykes' attorneys and I believe e-mails to

1 Ms. Sykes.

2 MS. SYKES: No, I never got an email.

3 THE COURT: Mr. Schmiedel, you wrote
4 the orders; is that right?

5 MR. SCHMIEDEL: Yes.

6 THE COURT: Does it appear to be appropriate
7 to you on its face, sir?

8 MR. STERN: Yes, it does.

9 MS. FARENGA: Yes, it does.

10 MS. SYKES: Your Honor, please --

11 THE COURT: The visitation, I don't...

12 MR. SCHMIEDEL: Okay. We can strike
13 the visitation, Judge. I thought it was part of
14 the care plan.

15 MS. SYKES: Your Honor, Your Honor.

16 MS. FARENGA: We can strike it.

17 THE COURT: The issue is always opened.

18 MS. SYKES: Something that was set for
19 a briefing schedule and -- No, Mr. Joyce --

20 THE COURT: The order that sets it for
21 a briefing order, madam, do you have that order with
22 you today?

23 MS. SYKES: I do.

24 THE COURT: All right. Let me see that.

1 MR. SCHMIEDEL: The other issue was the...
2 THE COURT: What date is it set for?
3 MR. SCHMIEDEL: We said the 25th. We don't
4 know whether or not you want it on at 11:00 o'clock
5 or 2:00 o'clock.
6 MR. STERN: Mrs. Sykes doesn't want to
7 schedule an actual date.
8 THE COURT: For hearing?
9 MR. STERN: Yes.
10 MS. FARENGA: I do want to say, Your Honor,
11 that the --
12 THE COURT: Wait until she comes back.
13 MS. FARENGA: Okay.
14 THE COURT: You are looking at the 25th --
15 MR. SCHMIEDEL: Yes.
16 THE COURT: -- of February?
17 Lisa, can you look that up at 2:00 o'clock,
18 please, see if there is anything in there.
19 Open at 2:00, okay.
20 Let's look forward to the 25th, and we will
21 hear from our lady -- I don't know where she went --
22 to see if that is appropriate for her.
23 MS. FARENGA: To reconsider --
24 MR. SCHMIEDEL: Guardianship.

1 MS. FARENGA: Right.

2 THE COURT: Deputy, can I ask you to see
3 if she is still out there.

4 THE SHERIFF: Yes.

5 THE COURT: Thank you.

6 Off the record.

7 (Discussion off the record.)

8 THE COURT: On the record now.

9 Were you able to find that order?

10 MS. SYKES: I was going through it before
11 she called me back in.

12 THE COURT: Oh, okay, all right.

13 MS. SYKES: Yes.

14 THE COURT: Now, it's been suggested that
15 we set this for February 25th for 2:00 o'clock for
16 hearing.

17 MS. SYKES: If, in fact, Mr. Brodsky deems
18 that this is something that he wants to get involved,
19 and he is in court right now on the Drew Peterson.

20 So I need to call him and get a date, and
21 I just ask these wonderful attorneys here if we can
22 just wait and come back.

23 THE COURT: So when do you think he will
24 know?

1 MS. SYKES: He will know when I can talk to
2 him this evening.

3 THE COURT: Here is what we will do:

4 Set it for that date. If that is not good
5 for Mr. Brodsky, if he appears and he comes in and
6 asks for another date, we will consider that.

7 MS. SYKES: Okay. I just didn't want
8 something set.

9 That can be written in there so I don't,
10 you know.

11 THE COURT: You are not represented by him
12 right now. You are here.

13 MS. SYKES: Right.

14 THE COURT: You are only concerned about
15 a possible attorney schedule.

16 Let's set it for then, and it's on a timely
17 basis.

18 MS. SYKES: Well, he's on a retainer for
19 a specific purpose. And I just have to see if it is
20 going to be me here pro se, him, or perhaps another
21 attorney. And they will all file appearances,
22 Your Honor.

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1 MS. FARENGA: There is a procedure.

2 If Mr. Brodsky, in fact, files his
3 appearance, he can motion it up and we can redo
4 the date.

5 MS. SYKES: He knows the procedure,
6 thank you.

7 THE COURT: Okay, all right then.

8 MS. SYKES: You still want that...

9 Are you still going to put in there that
10 you vacated that without seeing this order?

11 THE COURT: Vacated what now?

12 MS. SYKES: I mean, your -- regarding
13 the care plan, Your Honor.

14 THE COURT: I am not making any ruling on
15 any motion that you didn't present here today.

16 You presented four motions. I think we have
17 rulings on all, do we not.

18 MS. SYKES: But, again, the Joyces when
19 they were with me and they did not receive anything,
20 when the Joyces agreed that at this point they needed
21 to step down --

22 THE COURT: The motion was not --

23 MS. SYKES: Here it is, right here,
24 for the 15th. (Tendering document.)

1 THE COURT: (Examining document.)

2 MR. STERN: Presentation in front of you
3 on the 15th.

4 THE COURT: Oh, this is from December 22nd.

5 MS. SYKES: Yes.

6 THE COURT: So that was for the 15th,
7 so what happened on the 15th?

8 MS. SYKES: You weren't here.

9 THE COURT: I know, but what did the order
10 say about that motion?

11 MS. SYKES: What order, on the 15th?

12 THE COURT: Right.

13 MS. SYKES: It was...

14 I brought it to the judge, and she just said
15 everything would be moved over to the 25th.

16 THE COURT: But not for hearing.

17 MS. SYKES: No; to set for a --

18 THE COURT: That was a motion filed by
19 your prior lawyer.

20 If you want to remotion it up, feel free to
21 do that, okay?

22 Thank you.

23 All right. That will be all.

24 MS. FARENGA: Thank you, Your Honor.

1 THE COURT: Thank you.

2 MR. STERN: Thank you, Your Honor.

3 MS. SYKES: Last question, so I don't do
4 anything wrong here, Your Honor.

5 THE COURT: I can't give you advice on
6 how to proceed.

7 MS. SYKES: I know you can't, but I just
8 want to make sure in doing this; but this order says
9 that you already denied it.

10 So by me motioning --

11 THE COURT: It doesn't address that specific
12 motion, this other motion you are talking about.

13 It addresses the motions that you presented
14 today. There were four of them.

15 MS. SYKES: So which ones were denied then?

16 THE COURT: The ones that were presented
17 today, madam.

18 MR. STERN: The motions you motioned up
19 today.

20 THE COURT: You motioned up on your own,
21 not the other lawyer.

22 MS. SYKES: Well, they had put that
23 the other order was --

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1 THE COURT: Does it say anything in there
2 about a prior motion brought up by her attorney?

3 MS. SYKES: Yes, yes.

4 MR. SCHMIEDEL: No.

5 MS. SYKES: Yes, it says motion to
6 care plan.

7 MR. SCHMIEDEL: Motion to reconsider
8 care plan denied.

9 MS. SYKES: Yes, that's the one with
10 the prior --

11 MR. SCHMIEDEL: Motion to return home is
12 denied.

13 MS. SYKES: Right.

14 All I heard you say is motion to return
15 home, but you said that I can motion up that
16 the reason for mom not coming home -- and it is
17 in the transcript, you were very clear with me --
18 the reason you said --

19 THE COURT: Madam, please, you have to stop
20 talking.

21 You presented four motions today that
22 you filed on your own.

23 MS. SYKES: Right.

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1 THE COURT: You are talking about some other
2 motion that a lawyer filed on your behalf, correct?

3 MS. SYKES: Right.

4 THE COURT: Your question is, what happened
5 to that motion?

6 Nothing. It's not been ruled on. It is
7 still pending somewhere.

8 MS. SYKES: But they were vacating.
9 They were -- Here it says it's been denied.

10 THE COURT: What's the title of that motion?

11 MS. SYKES: Motion to reconsider care plan,
12 and you have it denied in here.

13 THE COURT: Can you distinguish that these
14 motions that I am ruling on are motions that were
15 filed by her?

16 Is there any way to do this on the order,
17 add that in? Not by the lawyer, so we know what
18 we are talking about?

19 MR. STERN: "Gloria Sykes' pro se motions
20 to"?

21 THE COURT: Correct.

22 MR. STERN: The other ones are denied?

23 THE COURT: Correct.

24 MR. SCHMIEDEL: Pro se, pro se motion.

1 MS. SYKES: So I didn't file today regarding
2 the care plan, so that has to be taken out?

3 THE COURT: Yes, you did, madam.

4 MR. SCHMIEDEL: Pro se motion. You have to
5 add "pro se" on the original.

6 THE COURT: Give that back to Mr. Schmiedel.

7 MS. SYKES: I didn't file a motion about
8 the care plan today.

9 THE COURT: All right. Let me see
10 the motions again, please.

11 MS. SYKES: I did not. I filed it for
12 reconsider of guardianship, and you set that for
13 the 4th. I filed for visitation and we are working
14 on that, and I filed for mom to come home.

15 THE COURT: Here are the four motions.

16 MS. SYKES: And one was about my attorneys.

17 THE COURT: Here are the motions that
18 I have:

19 Motion to revoke the power of attorney
20 and/or withdraw for Kevin Joyce and his firm to
21 represent Gloria Sykes.

22 MS. SYKES: Right.

23 THE COURT: Motion to revoke power of
24 attorney.

1 MS. SYKES: That is what they told me to put
2 in and to adopt all the other motions.

3 THE COURT: What power of attorney?

4 MS. SYKES: They were my attorneys.
5 They came in today and --

6 THE COURT: Power of attorney.

7 MS. FARENGA: I don't think that refers to
8 an actual power of attorney. I think that was what
9 Ms. Sykes thought was the procedure to remove her,
10 the Joyce firm.

11 MS. SYKES: My attorneys wrote that up for
12 me.

13 THE COURT: You might want to rewrite it
14 specifically to address each motions, sorry to say.

15 That motion is stricken. There is no basis
16 for it.

17 First discovery request to plenary guardian
18 Caroline Toerpe, that's a motion? No, notice of
19 filing, first discovery request.

20 MS. SYKES: Right.

21 MS. FARENGA: Which pertains to discovery
22 that should have been filed prior to guardianship.

23 MS. SYKES: But we weren't given
24 the opportunity to file it.

1 MS. FARENGA: For the record, this case was
2 continued two or three times.

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4 MS. SYKES: We never continued it, and
5 I have all the transcripts. We were never continued.

6 THE COURT: This is a motion as to discovery
7 on the issue of guardianship, right?

8 MS. SYKES: Right. This goes along with
9 my motion that you --

10 THE COURT: That will be stricken as well.
11 There is no basis for it.

12 MS. SYKES: Your Honor --

13 THE COURT: Guardianship has already been
14 approved.

15 MS. SYKES: -- we have a court coming up.

16 THE COURT: Motion to move Mary Sykes home,
17 that is denied.

18 Final motion, to obtain a permanent
19 visitation schedule.

20 We need to have a visitation schedule.
21 If she doesn't want to abide by it, that's up to her.

22 Now, the one that I -- There is another one
23 then?

24 MS. SYKES: Yes.

1 THE COURT: There was a prior one for --

2 MS. SYKES: Your Honor, we have --

3 MR. STERN: The motion to reconsider order
4 of 12-10-09.

5 THE COURT: That's it. That's the one that
6 we briefed.

7 MS. SYKES: Right.

8 MR. STERN: Filed on January 11th.

9 THE COURT: There is five all together then.
10 So if your order is clear on those.

11 MS. SYKES: Yes, thank you very much.

12 THE COURT: Four is stricken, one is denied,
13 and one is continued for --

14 MR. SCHMIEDEL: We will have to redo
15 the order then.

16 THE COURT: Yes, sorry to say.

17 MS. SYKES: But I can still motion up to
18 bring mom home, given I can prove that she -- it is
19 affordable and there is money there.

20 THE COURT: You decide what you think is
21 appropriate, ma'am.

22 MS. SYKES: Thank you. I will.

23 Thank you so much for your time, Your Honor.
24 Truly, truly. Thank you.

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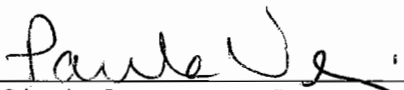
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