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The Honorable Chief Robald George  
and Associate Justices  
Supreme Court of California  
300 S. Spring Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90013

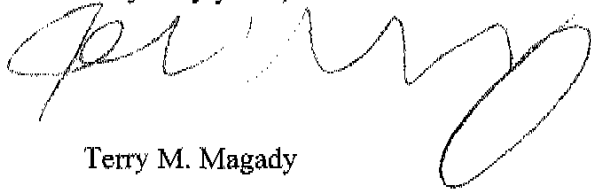
Re: Conservatorship of Levitt

Dear Chief Justice George and Associate Justices:

I am writing to urge you to grant certiorari to review the decision of the Court of Appeals in the matter of the Conservatorship of Levitt case. The case involves the guidelines for the trial courts to use in approving attorneys' fees in difficult and hard fought conservatorship cases. I devote a significant part of my time to conservatorships and other matters relating to people who are older or disabled. I am concerned with the court's holding in the Levitt case because the size of the conservatorship estate may to be an overriding factor in the court's determination as to reasonable attorney's fees. I believe that this holding thus may discourage counsel from taking on cases involving egregious abuse but a modest estate.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,



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