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The Honorable Chief Justice Ronald George
and Associate Justices
Supreme Court of California
300 S. Spring Street
Second Floor North
Los Angeles, California 90013

Re: Conservatorship of Levitt

Dear Chief Justice George:

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 conservatorship matters. I am concerned with the court's holding in the Levitt case, in that the size of the conservatorship estate appeared to be an overriding factor in the court's determination as to a reasonable fee. I am concerned that this holding will discourage probate practitioners from taking on cases involving egregious abuse but a modest estate.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ruth A. Phelps".

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