

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO.02-11489-PRDL

IN RE: THE GUARDIANSHIP OF

OLIVER C. COLWES,

Ward.

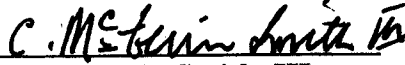
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ORDER

This cause is before the court on a Petition For Appointment Of Plenary Guardian, Edward Richard Gable being the proposed guardian.

The court has examined the proposed guardian's Application For Appointment As Guardian, as well as the Response to Order of Court Dated 5/16/02. Because of the nature of this guardianship and the need for an exceptional level of fiduciary trust, there being no known family member to assist the court in monitoring the guardian, the court finds it inappropriate to appoint a guardian with a history of bankruptcy and alcohol treatment. This order does not constitute a ruling on the qualifications or appropriateness of Mr. Gable to be appointed guardian in other cases. Accordingly, the Petitioner is directed to submit an alternate proposed guardian.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers at DeLand, Volusia County, Florida, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2002.

  
C. McFerrin Smith, III  
Circuit Judge

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT  
CITY COURT VOLUSIA CITY FL  
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cc: Ellen D. Phillips, Esquire, Attorney for Petitioner  
J. Dana Fogle, Esquire, Attorney for Alleged Incapacitated

May 22, 2002

Response to Order of Court dated 5/16/02

Edward R. Galt (Alcohol Treatment)

The following information is respectfully submitted

My alcohol problem began in the early 1970's while I was working as a Police Officer for Ross Township Police Department which is a community outside of Pittsburgh, Pa.

During the 1970's and 1980's I was treated for my alcohol problem on various occasions. It was a terrible time in my life. In those days alcohol problems were linked mostly to a personal control problem and will power rather than a disease, by most other people.

In 1975 I became divorced from my first wife and lost control also of my two beautiful children who moved to Florida with my ex-wife mother and father.

In 1981 I resigned as a Police Officer when I went into the hospital for alcohol treatment. I did so out of guilt and embarrassment. I didn't know what to believe at this point. I just knew what was happening was wrong. I had been a Police Officer for 12 years.

During the 1980's I held various sales positions and re-married in 1977 to my current wife Rita Galt.

My alcohol problems continued through the 1980's and in 1990 I entered St. Francis Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa. where I went through a 15 day rehabilitation program again.

I started to attend AA meetings at this point in my life but still slipped on occasion and drank.

5/22/02

## References

Edward R. Galle

The following list of people are people that know me from past employment, some of which I consider personal friends also.

I worked as Family Service Manager at Deltona and Deland Memorial Cemeteries and Deltona Memorial Funeral Home & Allen Summerhill Funeral Homes from 1999 to November 2001 when I accepted my present position.

I believe the people indicated know me personally as they were associated closely with me on a daily basis and also know me from a business perspective which I believe will be judged to be very productive, reliable & honest in nature or content.

Other references available upon request

Edward R. Galle

5/22/02

May 22, 2002

Response to Order of Court dated 5/16/02.

Edward R Gable

The following information is respectfully submitted:

During the year 1988 to 1989 I held a position as Sales Manager for Algor Inc. in Pittsburgh, Pa.

In 1989, early in the year, I resigned from that job because of internal politics involving a cousin Virginia Gable who also worked for this Company as the Executive Vice President.

I could not pay all of my bills that were incoming at that time. With no income or unemployment and an alcohol problem I just could not make enough money to continue. I filed for bankruptcy and it was approved in 1989. I kept my home and older car at this time because I could afford to pay for them but my credit cards and other bills were cancelled by the bankruptcy.

At this time, myself and my wife are searching for the actual bankruptcy papers and will deliver them to the court when we find them without delay.

I declare that I have read the foregoing and all is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Edward R Gable  
5/22/02

May 22, 2002

Response to Order of Court dated 5/16/02

OLIVER C. COLWES JR.

The following information is respectfully submitted:

Addresses:

Oliver C. Colwes Jr.  
810 McGregor Road  
Deland, Florida 32720

Ruth S. Colwes  
810 McGregor Road  
Deland, Florida 32720

After contacting Ruth Colwes for addresses for John Colwes, James Colwes and James Berry, I have been unable to locate some. Oliver and Ruth Colwes have their addresses at home in some location but to this date were unable to find them. According to Ruth Colwes, John Colwes lives in Oklahoma and James Colwes lives somewhere in Florida. Ruth Colwes will continue to search for that address for me. James Berry, Mrs Colwes believes, lives in the Pittsburgh, Pa area. This address can not be located at this time after looking at their home at 810 McGregor Rd., Deland, FL.

I declare that I have read the foregoing and all is true to the best of my knowledge & belief.

Oliver C. Colwes Jr.  
5/22/02