

To Chris and Cynthia Wolfe, Joseph Weiler, Geoff Malicoat and Judge Allen:

January 20, 2023

I Halsey Wolff have complied with the Court's requirement that I sign a "Mutual Release and Hold Harmless Agreement" authored by Mr. Weiler. I had previously signed a similar document that I modified in a manner that I found reasonable and responsible. The version I signed today, I do not find reasonable and responsible, and I have indeed signed under duress facing the threat of Contempt of Court charges and a \$5,000 fine. It is entirely unclear to me how I could be asked to sign such a document in this manner that states within it that I am signing "voluntarily, free of any undue duress or coercion." I find the entire situation to be absurd and disgusting, as I also do the manner in which this case has been handled by the Midland County Probate Court.

I want nothing more to do with this case, the settlement, and the family that has imposed this pox on humanity - the very same people that previously caused me severe mental anguish and emotional duress regarding our Charlevoix property, who did so to my mother many times, and are now doing it again to both myself and my sister Anne. I cannot continue to allow myself or my sister to be subjected to the severe emotional abuse we have both had to whether this past year. For example, Anne has recently been told she is no longer loved by one of the current Trustees, and that she will be excluded from their family gatherings. (Note: Anne already has been excluded from such - that occurred at Chris's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday party held in Detroit that Anne was not invited to attend.) In addition, I have been forced to accept a settlement with no access to the Court to speak my truth. The settlement that I was forced to accept was further tainted by the addition of the added clause #8 which required an undefined additional "Mutual Release and Hold Harmless Agreement." The terms of mini-Trust agreement itself were arranged by people that did not accept my input to allow for what my research indicated would be enough funding to adequately support Anne to have an exciting annual vacation (as her parents encouraged) that would allow for a paid companion to accompany her. My request to include added funding to allow for a modest form of professional oversight was also denied. The agreement also held constraints that would prevent me from allowing Anne to have a modest bit of control over a small amount of Trust spending as I had intended, and it outrageously contains reporting requirements that far exceed those that the Trustees are required (and failed) to comply with. (Quarterly reports - they even attempted to require me to submit monthly reports by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month. The obvious intention is that they hope I will fail to meet the requirements at which time they could end the agreement - and quite possibly I would and this would occur.)

Under the circumstances, and **based on the concerns I have for my mental health and physical well-being, I can no longer support the agreement I have been forced to accept very much against my free will. I hereby resign as Trustee for the mini-Trust for Anne.** I cannot and will not be able to provide Trustee oversight of this outrageously orchestrated "mini-Trust". I will continue to support Anne exactly as I have for years, engaging her and her friends socially, supporting her health issues, helping with issues at her condo as much as I am able, and arranging trips for her that I can afford as I have done many times. But I will NOT support Anne as a Trustee for any formal Trust dictated by the current constraints. It is my hope that another Trustee can be found for the mini-Trust, but if not, so be it - possibly the Trustee's themselves will have to step up to and do their job as I believe they always should have and provide a greater degree of support for Anne for miscellaneous expenses, and trips of her choosing with a paid companion of her choice - and with funding from the Trust that does NOT require her companion to foot the entire bill for her expenditures during the trip with hope for a reimbursement afterwards, if they meet the Trustees' oversight requirements, as has always been the case with the current Trustees. **I hope something works out to improve Anne's difficult existence, and I will continue to do my best to support her, but NOT AS A MINI-TRUST TRUSTEE.**

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Halsey R. Wolff

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