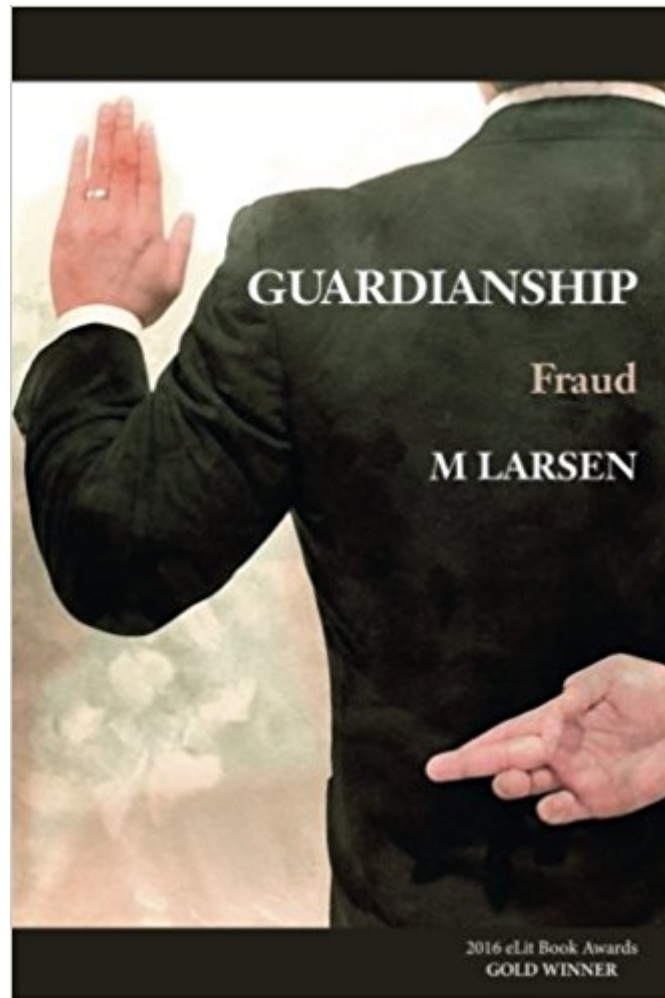




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Guardianship: Fraud



Synopsis

GUARDIANSHIP is the 2016 Gold Medal Winner for Current Events II (Social Issues / Public Affairs / Ecological / Humanitarian) Excellence eLit Book Award. It's difficult to believe it happens, but forced guardianship fraud runs unchecked throughout the nation's probate courts. Deemed incapacitated by the courts, elderly citizens are robbed of all decision-making rights and assigned professional guardians whose only interest lies in profiting from their vulnerable charges' estates. *Guardianship: How Judges and Lawyers Steal Your Money* exposes a web of murderous profiteering, all sanctioned by a corrupt legal system. As guardians take everything they can, judges and attorneys turn a blind eye. Crooked cops harass family members into silence, while the very attorneys you hired won't help for fear of losing their licenses. These are the people who may one day control your loved one's health care, living arrangements, finances, and very life. Ostensibly created to prevent financial abuse by caregivers and family members, professional guardianship instead gave the legal system carte blanche to destroy lives—as author Michael Larsen discovered when family members tried to help a friend suffering under a corrupt guardian, attorney, and commissioner. Here is a guide for families to better understand a corrupt system, delineating what happens when a loved one falls victim to professional guardians, and offering suggestions to minimize your risk of what amounts to legally sanctioned abuse. GUARDIANSHIP includes articles by journalists, attorneys, advocates, and others who have given their permission to be used in this book. Our collective goal is for public awareness of this serious crime. "Outside of execution, guardianship is the most radical remedy we have." - Elias Cohen, Philadelphia Attorney and Gerontologist "Instead of serving to protect the assets of incapacitated persons, the existing guardianship system presents the opportunity for unscrupulous guardians to loot the assets of their wards and enrich themselves with impunity." - New York Grand Jury "You are a target because you have assets. You don't necessarily have to be very old. You can even be quite lucid. That won't stop these predators. When it comes to removing your rights and your money, these folks are experts." - Money Magazine "A simple slip-and-fall can put someone into the guardianship of unknown persons with no knowledge to family and friends until the deed is done. Forced incompetency; get control over everything and the ward (senior) loses all rights." Robert W Melton, Pinellas County Internal Auditor, "Dirty Tricks of Guardianship - The Need for Change," April 2004

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Customer Reviews

Michael Larsen is a businessman whose family became embroiled in civil litigation regarding guardianship. In truth, the fraud, abuse, and court corruption should have made the matter a criminal case. After his family experienced the grief and fury professional guardianship fraud generates, Larsen realized tens of thousands of other families were experiencing the same heartache. He hopes Guardianship: How Judges and Lawyers Steal Your Money will increase public outrage against this common, court-condoned crime.

In response to the negative response, it maybe one sided, but how many lawyers or judges are going to admit that they do this in WA State and this happens in their state but nothing is done about it? In WA State -- nothing. Seniors are isolated and we -- the public are told victims have to wait until 2017 to get help from our legislature. This is a national problem and it needs to be exposed. It's a good book to use as a reference. I hear the stories all the time -- and have been told by someone working for the state that the stories are innuendoes. How would you like to have a judge/commissioner threaten you for contempt of court when all you are trying to help someone who is being isolated from friends? How would you like it if you were the daughter of Casey Kasem -- whose 3rd wife brought him up here to hide him from his kids? Now they don't even know where he is buried -- maybe in Norway? And our legislators killed a bill that would have made communication between the guardian and family much better? How would you like it if APS says you are financially exploiting an elderly person but the guardian's care givers are charging more -- and neither APS nor the Courts care about the truth? How would you like it if professional guardians don't have to obey state law when it comes to protecting the elderly?

Excellent summary of a nationwide criminal network that may someday rival drug trafficking as a source of illicit income. My wife had an experience similar to the ones in this book--in WA State--wish it had been published 6 years ago! Read it now...before it is too late! You've heard the expression "lock up your daughters"? Well, we can't lock them up, but we have to keep an eye on who our elderly loved ones are associating with and determine if these relationships are not genuine friendship but gold diggers looking to grab their estate (from you). BUY THIS BOOK!

This book is a warning to people who are considering retiring in another state to watch out! When wealthy elderly people fall for enticing brochures or ads inviting them to move away from family, friends, and loved ones to a place where they have no one to watch out for them, the elderly become targets of greedy professional "guardians" and the family court judges and lawyers who aid and abet them.

The best part of this book for our family was the variety of articles from so many sources all saying similar things about guardianship problems across the United States. This helped us realize without a doubt that what happened to us was professional guardianship fraud. Our attorneys betrayed us; now we understand why. Our attorneys would have been sanctioned or possibly lost their license to practice had they gone to the prosecutor as we begged over and over. The book illustrates how quickly and easily this crime can happen, and that there is almost no recourse. There is enough money in this syndicated crime to pay off Law Enforcement, Adult Protective Services, Politicians, Physicians and other Professionals, and certainly enough to pay-off or threaten the main media. I have shared this book with countless others who all have the same reaction - everything finally made sense! We were all intimidated, threatened, and told countless lies by the court, lawyers and guardians. They also stole his vote - he was left with that one civil right because they use all of the wards' votes to get candidates they want. And in the end they killed him. Buy this book and share with everyone you know before it's too late. Until you read it, it doesn't seem possible that something this horrific can happen, and it happens every day. Quote from MONEY MAGAZINE in the book: "You are a target because you have assets. You don't necessarily have to be very old. You can even be quite lucid. That won't stop these predators. When it comes to removing your rights and your money, these folks are experts."

This is so unbelievable true. I live near Seattle and have seen it here. It's a racket. The book mentions Commissioner Carlos Velategui, but he has new accomplice right across the hall, Henry

Judson. Both have favorites who are allowed to charge huge fees (thousands to tens of thousands a month) while other guardians charge \$300-\$900 per month. My girl friend's mother was under guardianship there and the lawyer/guardian charged over \$400 an hour just to talk to her mother. Her mother couldn't afford the once a month check up the guardian made let alone the horrendous fees to pay her bills and see she had health appointments. How would you like to pay \$2000 to have your guardian accompany you to the doctor's office once. That's what they did. They charged \$150 an hour to file her paperwork. Guardianship is supposed to be for protecting the vulnerable from predators, but the judges take a percentage (or get favors) and OK the exploitation so that the guardian cannot be prosecuted. I've heard of other horrid cases in the Seattle (King county Superior) court also. So sad and so true.

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