

1 about it if I had granted --

2 MR. STEWART: Well, you denied it, so we're here and
3 whether -- regardless of where the money's at, we want you to
4 approve it.

5 THE COURT: Well, does Social Security know that 4800
6 of that 6700 went to guardian fees? I guess that's --

7 MS. MARINO: This may be something I have to explain.

8 THE COURT: Yeah, I think so.

9 MS. MARINO: It's very complicated and I hope the
10 Court will understand that I'm very glad there's no rules
11 because it makes things easier. One of the challenges in this
12 is asking the attorneys how should I do this, asking the clerks
13 how should I do this, and really getting very inconsistent
14 answers and a lot of I don't know.

15 The issue with Mr. [redacted] s that the Social Security
16 benefits that I applied for were paid retroactively and because
17 the estate was going -- I knew it was going to be closing, and
18 the work that was done, they were made the designated
19 representative payee. So those funds were sent to the Moore
20 Center. Once they received those funds they now have to spend
21 it down below \$2500. So they come back and say to me what do
22 we pay. I gave them the outstanding attorney fees for the ward
23 because the Court had denied him court-appointed counsel
24 because he was found not indigent. They paid for some
25 necessities that he needed and a bulk of the outstanding

1 fees as a medically outstanding bill and that is routinely
2 done.

3 THE COURT: But how would the Court know about that
4 if you didn't tell us?

5 MS. MARINO: Know about the?

6 THE COURT: \$4800 that you got in fees.

7 MS. MARINO: And again, I asked this question and no
8 one can give me an answer on, where would I put that in. I
9 don't know -- and it may be totally my negligence, but where
10 would I put in fees that were paid from out of his Social
11 Security.

12 MR. STEWART: And what she did was she filed a motion
13 instead is what you did.

14 MS. MARINO: Right, when the issue came up during the
15 approval issue that's when I, you know, disclosed that and put
16 that in there. But prior to --

17 THE COURT: But you were looking for \$4600 in fees.
18 So are you saying now you owe the guardianship estate \$200
19 (sic) because you've been paid more than you asked for
20 unbeknown to the Court?

21 MS. MARINO: No, the \$4800 was additional fees. So
22 there was like 20-something -- \$22,000-something in the
23 accounting, 4800 paid by the Moore Center, and there's still
24 \$4600 in outstanding fees.

25 THE COURT: And how -- again, I don't want to ask the