

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
CIRCUIT COURT

MERRIMACK COUNTY

6TH CIRCUIT-PROBATE DIVISION

Guardianship of

CASE #317-2013-C

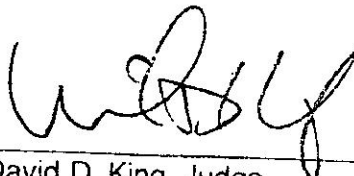
ORDER

Before the court is a motion filed by the guardian seeking relief against the ward's representative payee for social security. The guardian asks the court to order the representative payee, Community Bridges, to reimburse the ward's special needs trust for retroactive social security benefits received on behalf of the ward, and for other relief associated with the ward's social security benefits. The motion is denied for a variety of reasons. First of all, the special needs trust is not a party to this case, nor is Community Bridges. The court therefore has no jurisdiction to grant the relief requested in this case. It appears that the guardian requested the Social Security Administration to appoint her as representative payee, which did not happen. Obviously this court has no jurisdiction over that issue. Nor does the court have the jurisdiction to determine the legality of the actions taken by the representative payee with the ward's social security funds; those matters fall within the jurisdiction of the Social Security Administration and it appears that the guardian has availed herself of the appeal process available through that agency. This court does not have appellate review of social security matters.

As the court lacks the jurisdiction to grant the relief requested, there is no
need for a hearing, and the motion is DENIED. Although not parties to this
matter, a copy of this order shall be sent by the clerk's office to Community
Bridges and the Concord office of the Social Security Administration.

SO ORDERED.

March 4, 2014



David D. King, Judge