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13 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

14 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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16 In the Matter of the Conservatorship of

Case No. BP108870

17 **PETITION FOR PERMISSION TO HIRE**  
18 **PRIVATE LEGAL COUNSEL**

19 EVIDENTIARY HEARING  
20 REQUESTED

21 BRITNEY JEAN SPEARS

22 DATE: July 14, 2021 (ok to set)  
23 TIME: 1:30 p.m.  
24 DEPT: 4  
25 JUDGE: Hon. Brenda J. Penny

26 **Per Ex Parte order 7/2/21**

27 In an April 27, 2021 hearing in the underlying conservatorship matter, Conservatee Britney Jean  
28 Spears (hereafter "Conservatee"), through her Court-appointed counsel of record, requested to be heard  
by the Court, and on June 23, 2021, in a very courageous showing, Conservatee appeared by phone and  
spoke for almost twenty-five minutes, baring her heart to the Court in an impassioned plea to be heard

1 on several requests. Petitioner Lynne Spears, interested party and mother of the Conservatee, hereby  
2 petitions this Court to listen to the wishes of her daughter, and as a first step, respectfully requests an  
3 Order granting permission to the Conservatee to hire her own private legal counsel, or, in the alternative,  
4 an Order appointing a private attorney of Conservatee's choosing. Appointment of independent counsel  
5 is mandatory at this juncture. To that end, Petitioner alleges as follows.

6 **I. The Conservatee's Requests**

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8 On June 23, 2021, Conservatee appeared before this Court and made specific requests regarding  
9 the ongoing Conservatorships of her person and estate ("June 23 Hearing"). Counsel for Petitioner notes  
10 that a transcript of the June 23 hearing was requested and payment submitted to Court Reporter Luna  
11 last week and it is anticipated that the hearing transcript will be available momentarily; however, given  
12 the urgency of this situation, the Petitioner believes the immediate filing of this Petition is warranted.  
13 Any supplementation that may be necessary due to the receipt of the transcript will follow.

14 Specifically, in the June 23 Hearing, Conservatee requested changes going forward, including:

- 15 a. That the Conservator of her estate be removed;<sup>1</sup>  
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17 b. That the Conservatorship be terminated without her having to endure another evaluation;<sup>2</sup>  
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19 c. That she be allowed to own her own money;<sup>3</sup>

20 <sup>1</sup> Conservatee testified at the June 23 Hearing, referring to her impression as to the lack of results from  
21 her testimony before the court two years ago "by just keeping the conservatorship going, and also  
22 keeping my dad in the loop, made me feel like I was dead – like I didn't matter, like nothing had been  
23 done to me, like you thought I was lying or something. I'm telling you again, because I'm not lying. I  
want to feel heard. And I'm telling you this again, so maybe you can understand the depth and the degree  
and the damage that they did to me back then."

24 <sup>2</sup> As Conservatee testified at the June 23 Hearing: "I don't think I owe anyone to be evaluated. I've done  
25 more than enough. I don't feel like I should even be in a room with anyone to offend me by trying to  
26 question my capacity of intelligence, whether I need to be in this stupid conservatorship or not." "It's  
my wish and my dream for all of this to end without being tested." "I've met with enough people against  
my will." "I don't want to be evaluated, and be sat in a room with people four hours a day, like they did  
me before."

27 <sup>3</sup> Elaborating on her wish to own her own money in the June 23 Hearing: "I shouldn't be in a  
28 conservatorship if I can work and provide money and work for myself and pay other people – it makes  
no sense .... What state allows people to own another person's money and account and threaten them

- 1 d. That she be allowed to ride in her boyfriend's car;
- 2 e. That she be allowed to use her voice to take up for herself;<sup>4</sup>
- 3 f. That she be allowed to handpick her own lawyer by herself;
- 4 g. That she be allowed to meet once a week with her therapist, at her home;<sup>5</sup>
- 5 h. That she be allowed to see her friends;<sup>6</sup>
- 6 i. That she be allowed to get married and have a baby; and, to that end
- 7 j. That she be allowed to have her IUD removed.<sup>7</sup>

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9 This Motion to Appoint Private Counsel is of the utmost importance and may very well impact  
10 each and every of the other requests submitted by Conservatee in her live testimony at the June 23  
11 Hearing. It is self-evident that before the Court addresses, for example, the termination of the  
12 conservatorship, Conservatee must be allowed to consult with counsel of her choosing. As she herself  
13 testified in her June 23, 2021 Conservatorship hearing: "I didn't know I could petition the  
14 conservatorship to end it. I'm sorry for my ignorance, but I honestly didn't know that." Clearly  
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19 and saying, 'You can't spend your money unless you do what we want you to do.' And I'm paying  
20 them."

21 <sup>4</sup> Conservatee testified at the June 23 Hearing: "I have the right to use my voice and take up for myself.  
22 My attorney says I can't. It's not good. I can't let the public know anything they did to me and by not  
23 saying anything, is saying it's okay." "My own people say I can't say anything."

24 <sup>5</sup> As Conservatee testified at the June 23 Hearing: "I deserve privacy when I go and have therapy, either  
25 at my home, like I've done for eight years. They've always come to my home." "It's not okay for them  
26 to send me ... to that small room like that twice a week with another new therapist that I pay ...." "I  
27 begged them to make sure that they did this at my home, so I would have privacy. I deserve privacy."  
28 "I want this therapist once a week. I just want him to come to my home."

<sup>6</sup> Conservatee testified at the June 23 Hearing: "I'm not able to see my friends that live eight minutes  
away from me, which I find extremely strange."

<sup>7</sup> Conservatee testified at the June 23 Hearing: "I wanted to take the [IUD] out so I could start trying to  
have another baby. But this so-called team won't let me go to the doctor to take it out because they don't  
want me to have children – any more children." "I deserve to have the same rights as anybody does, by  
having a child, a family, any of those things, and more so."















