

**Robin Liebowitz**

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**From:** "Merrie" <merrielib@yahoo.com>  
**To:** <rdl4@mindspring.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 18, 2004 11:52 AM  
**Subject:** Joan's letter

Dear Merrie,

I spoke with your Mom yesterday about 11AM prior to her picking up Janice on a 2:30PM arrival.

I asked her about investments and she told me to do what I thought best.

I also asked her if everything was OK with the POA to which she replied "Janice is coming but I don't know if she has it with her or not. If there are any problems, I will ask her to call you." Just what one could infer from that I don't know, but I did add that she shouldn't make any changes without contacting either me or Diane Wilkie and if this POA was not signed it would create a lot of problems in the financial area. She was very "up" when I spoke with her and even joked.

If you were looking to have Janice declared incompetent I think you will be unsuccessful. She is very emotional, insecure, unknowledgable in financial matters, and most of all scared that she and her children will be left "out". I am sure this is the persona she wants to project and in this she is successful. What can be done about this - about 10 years in therapy, and maybe that won't help either. I don't know why all this is, but your parents probably figure in there rather largely. It's too bad we couldn't convene a family roundtable with some long term friends of the family and one or two other observers who could explain that the power is evenly divided between all three of you and that you will all be treated equally. If this can't be done I fear that a court ordered conservatorship may be necessary. This time consuming and costly, not to mention demeaning.

I received your signed letter today Merrie and I am sending it right to Schwab.

After the end of next week when I have all the info I will send copies to your Mother. She may get the letter on Robin's acct. directly from Schwab before the end of next week.

Take care,

Joan

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