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Legal Guardian Appointed For Courtney Love

Singer's attorney describes her as a 'troubled rock star' who is 'beyond uncooperative.'

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Courtney Love now has a legal guardian, according to Robert Ring, one of her attorneys.

While Ring did not identify the guardian or clarify what that means, FindLaw.com defines the term as “A person who has the legal responsibility for providing the care and management of a person who is incapable, either due to age or to some other physical, mental or emotional impairment, of administering his or her own affairs” — essentially the same legal powers, rights and duties as a parent.

While the singer is receiving treatment for an undisclosed ailment at a private facility in New York, Ring represented her in a civil matter brought by her former legal team on Tuesday in Santa Monica, where he described her as “beyond uncooperative.”

The singer is being sued for unpaid attorney’s fees by the law firm of Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, which previously represented Love, her former bandmate Eric Erlandson and her company, Doll Head Inc. Attorney Brandon Witkow of Manatt, Phelps & Phillips asked for sanctions to be imposed against not only the defendants, but also her lawyer, for not answering questions posed to them. “It’s their duty to respond to discovery,” Witkow said. “They have not.”

Witkow said that he could not comment on the nature of the services his firm had provided for Love.

Ring told the court that his client is a “troubled rock star” who now has a legal guardian and is in an “institution.”

His comments came one day after Love was released from a public hospital in New York and admitted to a private clinic, soon after a warrant had been issued for her arrest in Los Angeles for her failure to turn up in court to face unrelated criminal charges (see “[Courtney Love Transferred To Undisclosed Facility; Miscarriage Ruled Out](http://www.mtv.com/news/1489382/courtney-love-transferred-to-undisclosed-facility-miscarriage-ruled-out/)” (<http://www.mtv.com/news/1489382/courtney-love-transferred-to-undisclosed-facility-miscarriage-ruled-out/>)).

Santa Monica Superior Court Judge Gerald Rosenberg ruled that sanctions were inappropriate, since the Manatt law firm was using its own attorney for representation. He also noted that mediation would probably not work in this case.

The next hearing in the matter is scheduled for October 13.



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