



Thomas V. Girardi

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Conservator is appointed for Tom Girardi through March

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during the hearing on Monday due to a medical emergency, his appointed counsel, R.M. Anthony Cosio, said during the hearing.

"Tom does not understand the dire situation and says his money situation will clear up next week," the brother's petitioner stated. "It is obvious to petitioner [Robert Girardi] (and anyone else who knows him) that Tom cannot make the decisions needed to handle the important issues relating to this property."

Juarez said he found it necessary to hold the hearing to prevent harm, even though Tom Girardi was a no show.

Cosio submitted to the court on Thursday approval from Tom Girardi to have his brother serve as a temporary conservator to allow him to enter into a contract on Tom Girardi's behalf.

Cosio declined to comment on Monday.

Robert Girardi's attorney, Nicholas J. Van Brunt, a partner at Shepard Mullin, had agreed with Cosio to appoint a temporary conservator as an emergency solution. Van Brunt said the judge made the right decision.

"It gives Tom an opportunity in the bankruptcy proceeding to have rep-

resentation through his brother as a temporary conservator," Van Brunt said. "And it's an opportunity to protect him in that proceeding. And obviously, the rest of it will develop because it's an ongoing proceeding."

During the hearing, Van Brunt said they are working on getting a mental capacity declaration from a doctor.

Another hearing is set for March 15 and the temporary conservatorship ends on March 30. A hearing on a full conservatorship for Tom Girardi is scheduled for June.

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