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- [1] We are not persuaded that there is any reversible error in the application judge's decision that the respondent had standing to bring a s. 140 application or in the declaration of the appellants as vexatious litigants.
- [2] The application judge's reasons identify and apply the correct test under *Lang Michener Lash Johnston v. Fabian* (1987), 59 O.R. (2d) 353. The reasons carefully set out the appellants' history of meritless litigation and concerning pattern of conduct in relation to his former client, who is a party under a disability and under the protection of the Public Guardian and Trustee. The appellants have not raised any ground of appeal that would justify allowing the appeal.
- [3] Finally, and for greater certainty, as all parties to the appeal agree, the vexatious litigant order is in respect of the appellants in their personal capacity.
- [4] Costs are payable by the appellants to the respondent fixed at \$17,000 all-inclusive. "K. van Rensburg J.A." "B.W. Miller J.A." "L. Sossin J.A."

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