

**Team Attending a Conference on Guardianship Reform,
a Meeting at the U.S. Department of Justice, and
Congressional Meetings on Abuse Legislation**

June 9 - 14, 2017

Name	State	Description
Thomas F. Coleman	CA	Civil rights attorney for 43 years; focusing on disability and abuse since 2008; guardianship reform since 2012; Legal Director of Spectrum Institute; 2017 Disability Justice Advocacy Award from The Arc of California; 2017 commendation from TASH
Nora J. Baladerian, Ph.D.	CA	Clinical psychologist for 37 years; trauma therapy for abuse victims; produced DOJ videos on disability and abuse; trains law enforcement on response to abuse; 2008 National Crime Victim Service Award from U.S. Department of Justice
Greg Byers	CA	Film maker, producer, and editor; credits include "Victims with Disabilities: The Forensic Interview" funded by the Office for Victims of Crime; now working on a documentary film about a relentless quest for guardianship reform titled <i>Pursuit of Justice</i>
Linda Demer, M.D., Ph.D.	CA	Physician and Professor of Medicine at UCLA where she also teaches <i>Autism and Neurodiversity</i> ; member, national human rights committee of TASH; has a family member who has experienced ongoing abuse in a conservatorship
Ron Simandle	CA	Step-parent advocating for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities; has provided logistical support for the Disability and Guardianship Project in Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, and Sacramento
Danielle Liguori	NY	Parent advocating for the rights of people with developmental disabilities; her son's right to an attorney of his choice was violated in New York State guardianship proceedings. She is now turning her attention and energy to guardianship reform.
Debra J. Stemmler	PA	Co-founder of "Oakland for All" – a grassroots advocacy effort to improve accessibility, fight stigma, and remove barriers to people with disabilities; 2003 EP Maxwell Distinguished Service Award for disability advocacy.
Richard Black Terri Black	NC	Rick became an advocate for guardianship reform after Terri's father experienced abuse and financial exploitation perpetrated by a court-appointed guardian. Rick is now a director of Americans Against Abusive Guardianships.
Tom Wright	WA	Author of <i>The Family Guide to Preventing Elder Abuse</i> ; produced <i>Edith & Eddie</i> , a short film on ageism, racism, and guardianship injustice; now directing and producing a documentary titled <i>The Forgotten Ones: Senior Isolation in America</i> .
Linda Arters	AZ	Veteran public relations strategist with a diverse background, including health care/elder care, media relations, government, EMS and non-profits. Her personal journey fighting elder abuse fuels her advocacy efforts for national reform.
Elizabeth Duckworth	PA	Multi award-winning collegiate photographer from Temple University's Tyler School of Art. Photographing our activities in DC for her 2017 summer internship focusing on the capture of the human aspects and personal meaning of an assigned storyline.