



Disability and Guardianship Project

Current and Planned Activities

Activity	Description	Status
Department of Justice	<p><i>Complaint: Gregory D. v. Superior Court</i> for denying him access to ADA-compliant legal advocacy services</p> <p><i>Complaint: Spectrum Institute v. Superior Court</i> for denying the class of limited conservatees access to ADA-compliant legal advocacy services</p>	Complaints filed in June 2015; Awaiting decisions by DOJ to open a formal inquiry
California Judicial Council	New Court Rules: Proposals submitted to Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee on May 1, 2015 for new performance and training standards for court-appointed attorneys in limited conservatorship proceedings; project approved for 2016-2018	Review and rule development in process; public comment in 2017 effective 2018?
Documentary Film	Producing a 30 minute film for a public awareness campaign to enlist others to join us in the <i>Pursuit of Justice</i> for adults who become involuntary litigants in guardianship and conservatorship proceedings	Being edited; more filming in January; release by June 2017
Consenting Adults Book	Writing a book titled <i>Consenting Adults with Developmental Disabilities: Evolving Standards to Assess Capacity for Sexual Decisions</i> Part I: Legal Standards / Part II: Clinical Practices	Research done on Part I; Part II research by April; Release in 2018
Washington State	Submitted <i>Justice Gap</i> report to Supreme Court; proposals made to WINGS task force to recommend mandatory counsel for all guardianship respondents	WINGS deferred action pending further study
California State Bar	Proposal submitted to Commission on Access to Justice for consideration in January 2017. Waiting for formal response from CEO on other matters.	Waiting for responses from State Bar
Outreach Project	<i>Access to Advocacy Outreach Project</i> is contacting state supreme courts and state bar associations about the need for ADA-compliant legal services for guardianship and conservatorship respondents	11 states have been contacted so far; some have responded
Mickey Film	Create film on disability, abuse, and guardianship to educate judges, lawyers, and others on these issues	Planning now; filming in 2017
I/DD Abuse Stats	Aly will help research statistical studies over past 10 years on rate of abuse of people with I/DD	Finish review by February 2017
Local PVP Reform	Study how to shift legal services from the control of L.A. judges to public defender or other agency.	Monitor in 2017