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Re: Disability and Guardianship Project

Dear Mr. Coleman,

Thank you for your letter and packet sent to the Oregon Supreme Court and others in the Oregon Judicial Department, regarding access to effective advocacy services in guardianship proceedings. I have reviewed your materials with Chief Justice Balmer, and he asked me to provide you with this response.

Your submission raises important issues, and it has been directed to an internal committee that examines issues relating to inclusion in the state courts, as well as the state Office of Public Defense Services, in light of the issues that you have identified relating to representation by counsel. Those entities then can consider the issues that you have raised and evaluate whether any related budget or statutory proposal perhaps should be drafted. I also have shared your materials with the Oregon State Bar, in particular relating to the procedure for pursuing a complaint against a lawyer.

Oregon does have several statutory protections for persons in guardianship proceedings, but your effort to point out additional issues that may arise is appreciated. Our department will let you know if additional assistance on these issues is desired.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lisa Norris-Lampe".

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