

Mr. Jorge Navarrete
Court Administrator
Supreme Court of California

Dear Mr. Navarrete,

I am writing to thank you for your letter to Spectrum Institute.

We are pleased by the action taken by the Chief Justice to authorize the Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee of the Judicial Council to review the adequacy of existing court rules pertaining to limited conservatorship proceedings. We look forward to giving that committee our feedback when any new proposals it may develop are available for public comment. We are hopeful that new court rules and judicial standards will better protect the substantive and procedural rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in these proceedings.

Also, we would like the court to know that the State Bar has been very responsive to the outreach to it by court staff regarding our other concerns. I have had significant conversations with Mr. George Leal, Director of Education Standards, and Ms. Patricia Lee, Managing Director of Diversity Outreach. Based on those conversations, I am optimistic that the association will find appropriate ways to address the access-to-justice concerns raised by Spectrum Institute.

Please let the Chief Justice and court staff know that we very much appreciate the attention being given to these issues by the Supreme Court, the Judicial Council, and the State Bar.

Sincerely yours,



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cc: Mr. George Leal
Ms. Patricia Lee