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Cc: Tom Coleman
Subject: ADA Policies & Practices

Julie Burton
ADA Coordinator
Yolo County Superior Court

Dear Ms. Burton:

Spectrum Institute recently created an ADA Judicial Compliance Project. We are researching the policies and practices of superior courts in fulfilling their obligations under state and federal disability nondiscrimination laws such as the Americans with Disabilities Act.

We received your name and contact information from the Judicial Council as the ADA coordinator for the superior court in your county. We are writing to share information with you that may help the judicial officers and staff of your court to improve access to justice for people with cognitive disabilities who become involved in probate conservatorship proceedings.

Information about our work can be found through the “project” link on our website. <https://spectruminstitute.org/> On our homepage, you will find information about a 67-minute webinar we produced for judges and judicial staff about their obligations under the ADA. The article contains a link to a video and a link to a guidebook of reference materials. Please share this information with judicial officers and staff in your court.

In the coming weeks, we will be reaching out to you for information about how your court protects the ADA rights of conservatees and proposed conservatees. The information we gather will be included in a report that will be sent to the Chief Justice in her capacity of Chairperson of the Judicial Council.

We look forward to a cooperative and constructive exchange with you as we conduct our research for this important report.

Respectfully,
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cc: Thomas F. Coleman, Legal Director, Spectrum Institute