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Lloyd G. Connelly  
Court Executive Officer  
Sacramento Superior Court  
720 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Reply to Letter of October 16, 2018

Dear Mr. Connelly:

In addition to the letter sent to you on November 26, 2018, I am also submitting a proposed new court rule as part of the reply of Spectrum Institute to your letter dated October 16, 2018.

It is our practice to offer solutions to problems that adversely affect access to justice for people with disabilities. This proposed new court rule is offered to the Sacramento Superior Court in a spirit of constructive collaboration.

By adopting this proposal, or something similar, the court can create a model rule that superior courts in other parts of the state may emulate. The application of the Americans with Disabilities Act to guardianship and conservatorship proceedings, and crafting accommodations to give access to justice in such proceedings to people with cognitive and communication disabilities, is something relatively new. We urge the court to take pro-active steps to not only enable litigants with such disabilities to have meaningful participation in their cases, but also to provide guidance to judicial officers throughout the state on how they can do the same.

We look forward to the development and implementation of such a new rule by your court in the near future. We would like to learn of any progress you make in that regard and whether there is anything we can do to assist the court on this matter.

Yours truly,

Thomas F. Coleman  
Legal Director

Enclosure