

Zealous Advocacy Webinar

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To watch a television news story out of Sacramento about the right to counsel provisions of AB 1194, [click here](#). For the print story, [click here](#). The media is aware of this major shift in the law and will be monitoring its implementation. A more in-depth series will air early next year.



What People Are Saying

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“The Zealous Advocacy report issued by Spectrum Institute in response to AB 1194 is absolutely great. The report contains new and useful information that will benefit attorneys who represent conservatees and proposed conservatees”

**Anthony Chicotel, Staff Attorney
California Advocates for
Nursing Home Reform**

[About the Webinar Presenter](#)

"Tom Coleman has a wealth of knowledge on disability rights. This wealth is also in his strategic advice and procedural suggestions, both of which help lay the best legal foundation for objections under state and federal disability law, thus creating a more complete record for appeal in a conservatorship case."

Susan Sindelar
Deputy Public Defender
Santa Barbara County

"We first contacted Tom Coleman to help with a challenging case involving a proposed conservatee's rights. Tom was able to guide us through the complicated legal issues in the probate conservatorship system with a refined hand."

Brook Changala
Civil Litigator
Los Angeles County

"Tom Coleman is phenomenally knowledgeable and helpful in the area of conservatorships. His advice has been invaluable in protecting the rights of my conservatorship clients."

Joseph Reyes
Deputy Public Defender
Solano County

"When I called Spectrum Institute, I was looking for guidance on a difficult conservatorship case that was headed to jury trial. The time and wisdom that Tom Coleman shared with me was monumental in easing my concerns, helping me develop a sound approach and build confidence in my advocacy for my client."

Jessyca Hoagland
Deputy Public Defender
Mendocino County

For Public Defenders
For Appointed Attorneys

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For Risk Managers
For Court Administrators



Presents

Zealous Advocacy
A Webinar on the Implications of AB 1194
for Conservatorship Attorneys, County
Risk Managers, and Court Administrators

Webinar Date: November 16, 2021 from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Presentation: This one-hour presentation will explore the duties of attorneys as they fulfill the zealous advocacy requirements of AB 1194, a conservatorship reform law that takes effect on January 1, 2022. Participants also will receive a rundown of 10 potential legal and professional dangers of neglecting the duty of care, as well as an analysis of such issues as third-party standing to file motions, complaints, appeals and civil actions against attorneys who do not provide zealous advocacy to their clients and to the public entities that employ, appoint or fund them. A two-hour advanced webinar with additional details on implementing zealous advocate performance standards will be held in January 2022.

Materials. Attendees will receive a 47-page report explaining various dimensions of zealous advocacy for attorneys who represent conservatees and proposed conservatees. (See [table of contents](#).) The report provides information on the legislative history of AB 1194, as well as references to related statutes, professional rules, and citations to applicable case law. It includes a competent representation checklist to help attorneys deliver the type of zealous advocacy and defense that the law intends and to provide [ADA-compliant](#) services to clients with disabilities. Sections are written with risk managers and administrators in mind.

Presenter. Thomas F. Coleman has been practicing law for 48 years. (See [curriculum vitae](#)) He has written extensively on many dimensions of conservatorship reform and disability rights (See [publications](#)), including 31 [commentaries](#) in the Daily Journal legal newspaper. He has participated in conservatorship cases at the trial and appellate levels, and helped develop the zealous advocacy and other [right-to-counsel](#) provisions incorporated into AB 1194. Mr. Coleman is the executive and legal director of Spectrum Institute. (See [website](#)) For reviews of Mr. Coleman's consultations for public defenders and private attorneys who do conservatorship defense litigation and about his speaking skills from sponsors of webinars and educational forums, [click here](#).

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