



August 15, 2018

Superior Court of California
County of Sacramento
Executive Office
720 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Administrative Complaint under ADA, Section 504, and Section 11135

To the Court:

This organization has become aware that the Sacramento County Superior Court is not appointing attorneys to represent respondents with disabilities in many conservatorship proceedings.

We join in the complaint prepared by Spectrum Institute alleging that failure to appoint counsel for respondents with cognitive and communication disabilities deprives them of access to justice in these proceedings. We agree that the failure to appoint counsel for such respondents violates state and federal laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of disability in the delivery of government services.

We urge the court to review this complaint and to modify its policies and practices to ensure access to justice and effective communication for all conservatorship respondents through the appointment of competent counsel in conservatorship proceedings.

The Arc of California is part of the largest and oldest community-based organization advocating for and serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families. Fundamental to our mission is the dedication to promoting and protecting the human rights of people with I/DD and actively supporting their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jordan Lindsey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a prominent loop at the end.

Jordan Lindsey
Executive Director
The Arc of California