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Callie T. Dietz  
State Court Administrator

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Mr. Thomas Coleman  
Spectrum Institute  
9420 Reseda Boulevard, #240  
Northridge, CA 91324

Dear Mr. Coleman:

Thank you for your January 16, 2016 letter and your interest in Washington State. I am responding for the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), which houses the Office of Public Guardianship in our state.

Last year, the Washington Supreme Court responded to an invitation from the National Guardianship Network to take a leadership role in adult guardianship reform. The Court applied for and received a grant to create a Working Interdisciplinary Network of Guardianship Stakeholders (WINGS) to address this effort.

The grant has allowed the Court and the AOC Office of Public Guardianship to create a steering committee, establish teams of subject matter experts and advisors as well as members of the general public, hold an initial conference attended by 205 stakeholders, form four committees to refine and implement recommendations, and schedule a follow-up conference in the spring of 2016. These committees will make recommendations concerning legislation, court policy and procedure, training and education as well as other issues to advance these reform efforts.

As you can see, the Washington State judiciary is very involved in all aspects of guardianship and elder issues. We will continue to invest time and resources into this very important issue.

Again thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Callie T. Dietz".

Callie T. Dietz  
State Court Administrator

cc: Ms. Shirley Bondon, Guardianship and Elder Services Manager