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“Federal Report Calls for Alternatives to Guardianship.” Guardianship is overused, often unnecessarily depriving individuals with disabilities of their rights, warns a federal agency tasked with advising Congress and the president. --- disabilityscoop.com, March 23 https://is.gd/E9HeCz

“Missing reports plague guardianship system.” What’s become of Elizabeth Hamel? Hamel is among dozens of people placed under a legal guardianship or conservator in southern New Mexico over the past 20 years whose welfare is unknown – at least according to state district court records. --- abqjournal.com, March 25 (New Mexico) https://is.gd/aCkzhE

“Burton Dunn to Chair Alabama Law Institute Committee.” 5 Points Law Group, based in Birmingham, AL, is proud to announce that Burton Dunn has been appointed to the Alabama Law Institute’s committee in charge of revising the Alabama guardianship and conservatorship statutes. --- digitaljournal.com, March 19 (Alabama) https://is.gd/jswmvo

“New Mexico Supreme Court Forms Guardianship Committees.” The New Mexico Supreme Court, working with the Executive and Legislative branches, has formed a committee with representatives from all branches of state government to assist in the implementation of newly enacted legislation for improving the adult guardianship system. --- krwg.org, March 22 (New Mexico) https://is.gd/19QtKJ
“New NV Hotline to Report Abuse by Court-Appointed Guardians.” After a rash of high-profile cases, a brand new hotline has just been established for Nevadans to report abuse or neglect by court-appointed guardians. The hotline is run by the Guardianship Compliance Office created by the state in January. --- publicnewsservice.org, March 13 (Nevada) https://is.gd/jTS5KC

“Nevada sets up guardianship abuse hotline.” Nevada's highest court established the Guardianship Compliance Office after a years-long Contact 13 Investigation uncovered corruption in the system that is supposed to protect our most vulnerable residents. --- ktnv.com, March 6 (Nevada) https://is.gd/Zrx9Tz

“Developments in Guardianship Law and Increased Difficulty Establishing Guardianships.” The last few years saw substantial changes and updates in the probate and estates realm, not the least of which was replacement of the prior Texas Probate Code with the Texas Estates Code. --- law.com, March 1 (Texas) https://is.gd/uVySh2