“Some Concerned with Deficient Guardianship Programs Hope Volunteers Can Fill the Void.” When an adult loses the ability to make important legal and medical decisions, courts can appoint a guardian to help manage their life. But in many places around the country, there aren’t enough. And for someone in need, not having a guardian can increase the risk of abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation. --- wfyi.org, April 26 (Indiana) https://is.gd/2Wahwk

“Guardianship panel recommends changes to closed system.” A committee appointed by the state Supreme Court has recommended rule changes for New Mexico courts that would allow the public into previously closed hearings involving people placed under legal guardianship or conservatorship because of their mental or physical condition. --- abqjournal.com, April 28 (New Mexico) https://is.gd/0C03cd

“Licking County hit by shortage of guardians for the elderly.” For Vickie Bope, becoming a guardian for Licking County Probate Court was a way to make sure everyone was cared for in the sunset of their life. --- newarkadvocate.com, April 29 (Ohio) https://is.gd/XvjcoL

“Bill signing ceremony celebrates new guardianship law to assist those with disabilities.” In February, the State of Alabama launched Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) accounts, a new financial savings tool for individuals with disabilities. The Enable Savings Plan is a financial program that allows individuals with disabilities to open tax-exempt savings accounts to save for disability-related expenses without impacting resource-based benefits. --- altoday.com, April 20 (Alabama) https://is.gd/jJr93Y
“Teaching parents about guardianship of disabled children.” The Community and Residential Services Authority, Family Matters Parent Training and Information Center, along with The Autism Program at CTF Illinois, teamed up to host a free workshop for parents with special needs children, in order to help guide them through the transition into adulthood. --- effinghamdailynews.com, April 15 (Indiana) https://is.gd/qodvoe

“How is a judge to rule when there is no law?” Last month, I discussed how a judge got the ruling correct, but the law was wrong. But what if there is no law? What is the court to do? --- thedailyrecord.com, April 16 (Maryland) https://is.gd/RtjNkO

“New Court Filing Argues the State's Guardianship System Puts the Disabled at Risk.” A group that advocates for the rights of the disabled has filed a class action complaint with the Texas Supreme Court arguing that the state's adult guardianship system violates parts of the Americans With Disabilities Act. --- sacurrent.com, April 16 (Texas) https://is.gd/fNMovr

“Bill would require background checks for guardianship.” State Rep. Mark Gillen sponsored the measure. It would also prevent those with felony convictions from serving as guardians. --- readingeagle.com, April 14 (Pennsylvania) https://is.gd/YIwNRE

“Guardianship panels have much to do to fix system.” Even as two committees appointed by the state Supreme Court begin the detailed work of coming up with plans to implement reforms to New Mexico’s troubled guardianship system, there are constant reminders that much remains to be done – even after the Legislature approved significant improvements in this year’s session. --- abqjournal.com, April 8 (New Mexico) https://is.gd/Hj8vls

“Beaver Dam attorney loses law license for misappropriating client's funds.” The Wisconsin Supreme Court on Tuesday revoked the law license of a Beaver Dam attorney for misappropriating funds of an individual for whom he had been appointed guardian, along with other professional misconduct. --- madison.com, April 11 (Wisconsin) https://is.gd/1Ny3yW
“Critics say insiders dominate committee working on guardianship reforms.” With a new law taking effect July 1, the state Supreme Court has appointed a rules committee to get down to the details of reforming the state’s adult guardianship system – but the group’s composition is drawing criticism for including guardianship professionals but excluding critics and family members of incapacitated people. --- abqjournal.com, April 1 (New Mexico) https://is.gd/GQdNPn