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Karolina S. Abuzyarova joined the Administrative Office of the Utah State Courts in 2011 as a Program Coordinator to build a new guardianship monitoring program for vulnerable adults – the Court Visitor Volunteer Program. She develops program infrastructure, community partnerships, training curriculum and materials, and handles public relations. In 2013, Karolina identified, applied for and received a stimulus grant from the National Guardianship Network to establish Working Interdisciplinary Network of Guardianship Stakeholders (WINGS) in Utah.

Karolina previously worked at the Utah State Bar as Pro Bono Coordinator, where she started the Debtor's Counseling Clinic. Prior to that, she managed the Executive Development Program for the Ukrainian government at the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, and served as Government Liaison Specialist for the Global Libraries Program at the International Research and Exchanges Board.

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Dean Allen is a frequent speaker to bar associations, judicial organizations, and community groups. He has spoken on veterans' benefits law, constitutional law, the United States Supreme Court, judicial independence, and remedies among others. Finally, Dean Allen is active in several professional associations. He has served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Southeastern Association of Law Schools and as the Chairs of the AALS Section on New Law Teachers and the AALS Section on Remedies. He has also testified before committees of both the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives concerning veterans' benefits matters. In addition, Dean Allen has spoken nationally concerning veterans issue to groups such as the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, the National Association of Veterans Advocates, and the Bar Association of the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

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His research interests include the use of the trust system in an aging society and the encouragement of better utilization of adult guardianship. His major works include Trust Law (3rd. ed., 2008); Visions of the Trust Law System (co-author, 2011); and Visions of the Adult Guardianship Law System (co-author, 2011). Professor Arai has also authored numerous articles and is particularly noted for his work in comparative law.

He received the Humbolt Research Award in 2006, and was awarded the Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany in 2010. He is also the president of the Japan Adult Guardianship Association and a standing director of the Japan Association for the Law of Trust.

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Before beginning work as a DREAM researcher, she worked on disability rights issues in the Brussels office of Human Rights Watch. Her training in human rights comes from her year as a student attorney in the International Women's Human Rights (IWHR) Clinic at CUNY School of Law, and her course work at University College London (UCL), where she spent a semester studying EU Law and Human Rights Law.

From 2008-2010 she sat on the Association of the Bar of the City of New York (ABCNY) Committee on Legal Issues Affecting People with Disabilities, where she participated in awareness raising of the UN CRPD and organized a panel discussion on domestic violence as it affects people with disabilities. Anna has also completed internships at the International Rescue Committee (IRC), the New York State Division of Human Rights (DHR), New York Lawyers for the Public Interest (NYLPI), the United Kingdom Ministry of Justice Human Rights Division, and Comité Español de Representantes de Personas con Discapacidad (CERMI).

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From January 1999 – April 2000, he was Special Adviser on environment, pollution and gas matters in Bakloga of Bayelsa State, Nigeria. In 2000, he became the chairman of the Gas and Oil Committee, Bakolga, Bayelsa state, Nigeria. In 2001, He serves as a member of the Presidential Monitoring Committee to inspect ecological fund projects in Akwa Ibom State. From 2001 – 2003, he was a consultant on ecology to the Bayelsa State Government and a State Desk Officer to the President's Ecological Fund. From 2003 – 2005, he was Senior Special Assistant to the Executive Governor of Bayelsa State on NGOs and Donor Agencies. In 2004, he served as a member of the mobilization committee of the Presidential visit to Bayelsa State and is currently a consultant on Ecological matters to the Ministry of Environment, Bayelsa State.

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His career has included work in NJ State government, community-based hospitals and small clinics. In addition to having a private practice for many years where he sees children, teens, adults, couples and families he has also worked for many years with the developmentally disabled, and chronically mentally ill populations.

For over 20 years he has served on the New Jersey Division of Developmental Disabilities Human Rights Committee for the Northern and Upper Central Region. He recently co-authored and co-edited a book, *Where Human Rights Begin: Human Rights and Guardianship for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities -In Plain Language*. He also was a presenter at the National Guardianship Association's 2013 Annual Conference.

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Before joining Disability Rights Florida, Ms. Ball worked for the Law, Health Policy and Disability Center at University of Iowa on a number of grant-funded projects that were geared towards advancing the economic, social and civic empowerment of people with disabilities. She has long been active in the Independent Living movement and previously served as board chair of the Evert Conner Center for Independent Living in Iowa City.

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Mindi Blanchard founded Bridge Builders, Ltd, a guardianship agency located on the North Olympic Peninsula, in 2003. In 2011, Ms. Blanchard was a finalist for the Small Business Association's Small Business Person of the Year Award.

Ms. Blanchard has a passion for guardianship. She and her staff have worked hard to develop a reputation for providing quality guardianship and other services to vulnerable adults. She regularly receives inquiries regarding guardianship and other services from other areas in the State of Washington and also other parts of the country. One of Bridge Builders, Ltd's focuses is education. Bridge Builders, Ltd has provided continuing education for certified professional guardians and the community for the past eleven years.

In June 2013, Ms. Blanchard started a non-profit called The Guardian Institute for the purpose of providing support services to lay and professional guardians. In addition, she addressed the lack of funding for low income guardianships by developing a Foundation in order to receive donations and grants.

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Kees participated in a project sponsored by the EU on the education of volunteer guardians in Europe (2007- 2009) and he is currently involved in setting up an EU project on onclusion and the UN Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities. He was chairperson of a working group of experts that came up with the text of the Council of Europe Recommendation (2009) on continuing powers of attorney and advance directives and organized a small-scale International IGN conference on guardianship in September 2007 in Bergen, The Netherlands.

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Clerk & Comptroller Sharon R. Bock is a tireless advocate for continuous government improvement who encourages the use of industry best practices and technology to address the major fiscal and ethical challenges facing Palm Beach County.

Now in her third four-year term, she serves a local population of nearly 1.3 million citizens as the county's Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Auditor, Clerk of the Circuit Court, County Recorder and Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners. Hers is the third-largest Clerk's office in Florida, administering a \$60 million annual budget and overseeing more than 700 employees in seven locations.

Her strong reputation in the financial arena has resulted in requests from county commissioners for financial analyses and trend reports necessary for effective decision-making and from other constitutional officers, the courts and community leaders for objective financial and performance audits. Additionally, because of Clerk Bock's broad expertise in areas such as government finance, investment portfolio management and auditing, she has been quoted in national and international publications such as The Wall Street Journal, Financial Times and The Bond Buyer.

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Boxx has been active in legislative reform, including chairing a WSBA Task Force that drafted major revisions to Washington trust law enacted in 2011. She is a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and a member of its Elder Law Committee.

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Cate Boyko is the manager of the Minnesota Judicial Branch statewide Conservator Account Auditing Program. Cate was the project manager for MYMNConservator (MMC). MMC is an online application used by Minnesota conservators to electronically file inventories and annual accounts with Minnesota courts. Cate has extensive experience with program administration, project management, auditing supervision, and white collar crime investigation.

Prior to her position with the Minnesota Judicial Branch, Cate was a Supervisor in Individual Income Tax Auditing with the Minnesota Department of Revenue. Cate's experience preceding auditing was in white collar crime investigation with the Criminal Division of Minnesota Revenue. Before joining the tax department Cate was a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Cate has a Master of Public Administration.

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She holds a doctor of law degree of the University of Goettingen. The subject of her dissertation is "significance of ward's will and wishes with regard to the right of determination residence and the reservation of consent for legal acting".

In 2008 she accepted the position as an Editor-in-chief of the Journal of German Custodianship law and practice. She then moved to Cologne University of Applied Science where she was appointed to a professorship for civil law with a focus on family law at the faculty of applied social science. She became the head of the master program "Law and Counselling".

Furthermore she is member in several committees in the sector of custodianship and adult protection, like a member of the managing committee of the German Association for Custodianship courts. Dagmar Brosey has published many articles and books with regard to custodianship law, adult protection, CRPD, and child protection. Most of the publications are in German, one is translated into Polish. The main topics of her research are: ward's self-determination, deprivation of liberty, elder abuse in long term care and law and social work.

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Ms. Campanella has been the Director and Chief Executive Officer of Quality Trust since its inception in 2002. In more than 35 years of experience working on behalf of children and adults with disabilities, her work has included providing direct support, administering programs and serving as an expert consultant regarding quality improvement and organizational development throughout the U.S. and abroad. She is an exceptional thinker and leader with expertise in program development, person-centered approaches and service quality management. Ms. Campanella and Quality Trust serve as a strong, independent advocate for individuals and families and are leading efforts to improve community systems and supports.

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Ms. Cappelletto is an active member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. She is a member of the national Board of Directors and is the chair of the Guardianship/Conservatorship Section of NAELA. She is a member of NAELA's Council of Advanced Practitioners (CAP). She is the immediate past president of the Illinois Chapter of NAELA. She is currently a member of the Illinois Financial Abuse Specialist Team. She served as an appointed member of the statewide steering committee on self neglect and assisted with drafting administrative rules. She also was a member of the

Suburban Coalition on Elder Abuse. She was one of the contributing authors to the Illinois Jurisprudence volume on Elder Law published in 2006. In addition, she was recently a delegate at the Third National Guardianship Summit in 2011.

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Natalie Chin works for the Cardozo School of Law Guardianship Clinic, where she supervises the case work and policy projects of the Clinic's students. The Guardianship Clinic advocates for low-income clients and assists the court in legal issues related to court-appointed guardian cases, including housing, medical benefits and estate planning. Ms. Chin came to Cardozo after nearly five years at Lambda Legal, where she worked on impact litigation, education and policy reform to achieve equal rights for LGBT people and individuals living with HIV, with an emphasis on LGBT and HIV aging issues.

Ms. Chin has appeared on dozens of panels and given lectures and presentations across the country on LGBT and HIV aging issues in areas that include life planning, access to health care and housing. She works collaboratively with local and national aging organizations to advance policies that protect the rights of the LGBT and HIV-positive aging community. One such collaboration resulted in a published report, Older LGBT Adults in Long-Term Care Facilities: Stories from the Field, which gathered information through an on-line survey about discrimination, abuse and neglect in long-term care facilities. Ms. Chin is the co-author of two articles in the Clearinghouse Review: Journal of Poverty Law and Policy on economic and housing security for LGBT older adults and wrote an FAQ on the Fair Housing Act for the National Resource Center on LGBT Aging. She is on the editorial board of the American Society on Aging's LGBT Aging Issues Network.

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Ms. Coulter worked with the Advocacy Center for Persons with Disabilities, the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, and the Florida Bar to educate legislators on the need to revise Florida's guardian advocacy statutes. She is past president and current treasurer of the Big Bend Chapter of the Florida State Guardianship Association as well as on the Board of the state organization.

Ms. Coulter is also Chairman of the Foundation for Indigent Guardianship. She is APD's representative on the "Lighting the Way to Guardianship" Project Team as well as the Right's Restoration Project. Ms. Coulter was very active with the Human Rights Advocacy Committee from 1990-1999 where she served as the Chairperson for six years and developed their statewide training curriculum.

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She is a founder and principal lecturer of the Chair of Elder Law at National University of Rosario, University of Buenos Aires and National University of Córdoba. She also serves as an undergraduate and graduate professor at the following universities: University of Buenos Aires, National University of Rosario, National University of Buenos Aires Province, National University of Mar del Plata and the National University of Córdoba in Argentina.

She has participated in conferences and undergraduate and graduate courses in Brazil, Nicaragua, Australia, Chile, Panamá, Paraguay, Uruguay, México, Colombia, Spain and France. She has been in charge of CONICET doctoral fellowships and PhD and Master Theses. She is the author of Human Rights of Old People and Elder Law: an Interdisciplinary Perspective, among others.

Currently, she is director and author of Elder Law Treaty, soon to be published by Abeledo Perrot-Thomson & Reuters. She has published peer-reviewed articles in numerous local and foreign journals. She is member of INPEA (International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse) and she is part of the Latin American Research Network (LARNA) of the Oxford Institute of Ageing. In 2012 and 2013, she was honored by the Buenos Aires City Bar Association, by the Rosario City Council and by the Moron City Bar Association, for her work in building Elder Law as a new legal specialty

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In 1994, Professor Dayton helped to establish the elder law clinic at the University of Kansas, one of the nation's first law school clinics dedicated to serving the needs of elderly clients. She founded the Kansas Elder Law Network (now the National Elder Law Network, www.neln.org), a web-based compendium of resources on elder law, in 1995. From 2006-10 she served on the Board of Directors of the National Academy of Elder Law. She is a Distinguished Fellow at the Canadian Centre for Elder Law Studies. Professor Dayton has written extensively on a wide variety of topics involving the intersection of law and aging. Her current research projects pertain to adult guardianship, comparative perspectives on law and aging, and feminist legal theories of elder law.

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He has translated into Catalan three philosophical treatises of Cicero: *De Natura Deorum*, *De re Publica* and *Paradoxa Stoicorum*, published by the Bernat Metge Foundation. He also made a direct translation to original classic Latin of the Thomas More political thought work, *Utopia*. He maintains an intense lecture activity in several countries around different issues like education, philosophy, ethics and politics.

He is currently the director of the Observatory of Applied Ethics in Social Action, where he is now working on the line of people with intellectual disabilities self-government processes from the ethics point of view. As a politician, he has been member of the Spanish Congress and the Catalan Parliament, Deputy Mayor of the City of Girona and Education and Universities Minister in the Catalan government. He was also a government counsellor of the Catalan Broadcasting Corporation.

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Ms. Devi is currently researching the interpretation and implementation of Article 12 (Equal recognition before the law) of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, focusing on two approaches substituted decision-making and supported decision-making at a service provision level in the UK.

Prior to this, Ms Devi worked as a Programme Manager for a research think tank and with the Human Rights Council in Geneva (Switzerland) on conflict resolution processors, issues surrounding sovereignty, self-determination and human rights violations in conflict situations. Previous to this position, Ms. Devi worked for the Law Society in London. Her research interests are in disability policy and law, supported decision-making, persons with intellectual disability and human rights.

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Prior to joining Cardozo, Professor Diller was deputy director of the Justice Program at the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law, where she also served as an Adjunct Clinical Professor of Law. At the Brennan Center, Diller spearheaded research, advocacy and litigation to expand access to justice for low-income families. Her work included a campaign to remove restrictions on legal services lawyers that resulted in Congress lifting a bar on the collection of attorneys' fees by federally funded legal services programs, co-authoring several groundbreaking reports on court fees and debtor's prison, and litigating against unconstitutional conditions on federal grant programs. Previously, she was as an attorney at the New York Civil Liberties Union, Housing Works and Legal Services for the Elderly in Queens. Diller has testified before committees in both houses of Congress and her work has been featured in the New York Times, USA Today, Newsweek and many other outlets.

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For over twenty-five years, he has taught a law and disability seminar that explores constitutional, statutory, regulatory and international law regarding people with disabilities. He is the author of many publications and has made numerous presentations related to the field of disabilities law (including issues of consent/choice, capacity and guardianship), the Americans with Disabilities Act, legal representation of clients with mental disabilities, disability and international human rights and other subjects. Professor Dinerstein was appointed by President Clinton to the President's Committee on Mental Retardation (now the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities) in 1994, and he served on the Committee until 2001.

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Like too many people with disabilities, Jenny faced a guardianship petition challenging her right to make decisions, choices she had always made for herself like where to live, what to do and whom to see. After a year of litigation and six days of trial, Jenny won the right to make her own decisions and now lives and works where she wants, has the friends she chooses and, through the Jenny Hatch Justice Project, encourages others to do the same.

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Judge Diane Kavadias Schneider was appointed to the Lake Superior Court on July 26, 2000 and became the first woman judge to serve in the civil division of the Court. She currently serves as the Senior Judge of the civil division. Her 28 years of public service in the courts includes the positions of Magistrate in the County Division and Court Administrator and Referee in the Juvenile Division of the Superior Court.

Judge Schneider has served as chair of the Indiana Adult Guardianship Task Force. The Indiana Commission for Women awarded Judge Schneider the 2005 Torchbearer Award for Advocacy in recognition of her work with the Volunteer Advocates for Seniors Program, the first such guardianship program in Indiana. She was named '2012 Guardian of the Year' by the Indiana State Guardianship Association. Judge Schneider remains actively involved with the Task Force and the formation of a State Office of Adult Guardianship under the Division of State Court Administration. Her previous service includes membership on the boards of the National Association of Women Judges and the Lake County Bar Association. She is a past president of the Valparaiso University School of Law Alumni Association.

Judge Schneider has been an active member of the Indiana State Bar Association and has been a delegate to its House of Delegates for many years. She is a past member of the Board of Governors and is a Master Fellow of the Indiana Bar Association. She has chaired the Committee on Women in the Law and through her leadership the annual ISBA Women's Bench Bar Retreat was established. Judge Schneider was General Chair of the 1997 ISBA Spring Meeting, and has served on numerous ISBA committees. Judge Schneider was appointed by immediate past ISBA President Vinovich to serve on the ISBA Governance Task Force and by current ISBA President James Dimos to serve as vice-chair of the Standing Committee on Articles and Bylaws. Judge Schneider is the current Chair of the Probate Committee of the Indiana Judicial Conference. She is a member of the National Association of Probate Judges, the National Guardianship Association, and the Indiana State Guardianship Association.

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Mr. Schyvens was appointed Deputy President of the Guardianship Tribunal of New South Wales in 2008 and was later appointed as President in 2011. He is currently Vice Convenor of the Court of Australasian Tribunals (NSW).

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He currently leads an organization that exercises the guardianship for more than 600 people over the Girona area. Beyond his daily work at the foundation, he has promoted several dissemination activities related to the legal protection of vulnerable people working together with the Catalan government and also with French organizations. He is now working together with the Observatory of Applied Ethics in Social Action on the line of people with intellectual disabilities self-government processes from the ethics point of view.

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Judge Sift serves as a member of the Ohio Attorney General's Elder Abuse Commission, Ohio Elder Abuse Task Force Steering Committee, and the Ohio Coalition of Adult Protective Services Steering Committee. He also is a member of the Ohio State Bar Association, Trumbull County Bar Association, American Bar Association, Florida Bar Association, and American Judges Association.

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He planned Jissen Seinenkoken, Japan's first journal on guardianship for adults under the direction of Professor Makoto Arai as a executive director of the Legal Support Adult Guardian Center, Tokyo in 2000. He previously worked at the

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His major publications include Visions of the Adult Guardianship Law System (co-author, 2011); Problems Concerning the Adult Guardianship System (co-author, 2012); Adult Guardianship Studies (3rd ed., co-author, 2013).

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Mr. Taylor was recently appointed as Chair of the Official Visitors' Board under the Official Visitors' Act 2012 with effect from September 2013. Mr. Taylor was formerly appointed as Registrar-General for the Australian Capital Territory.

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Barb has worked in the disability field for 36 years as a therapist, project director, and administrator at local, state, national and international levels. Her areas of expertise include organization administration, community mobility and integration, community mapping, administration of integrated programs and events, life balance coaching, and facilitating avocational

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The 1996 Atlanta Paralympic Games were the first to be held in the United States, due in part to a grassroots effort led by Barb and local advocates. As vice president of community youth and education programs, Barb designed and implemented 15 programs that spanned a three year period, including an employment program for people with disabilities in collaboration with Fortune 500 Games sponsors. This program facilitated long-term and ongoing commitment to practices that increased employment of people with disabilities by IBM, Bell South, Home Depot, Coca-Cola, UPS, Randstad Staffing Services, and others. She has authored articles, book chapters, and launched national programs, and has served on the national leadership staff of VSA arts and Easter Seals.

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