

Alternatives to Guardianship Project

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Honorable Paul C. Wilson Chief Justice Missouri Supreme Court 207 West High Street Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Sent via email: betsy.aubuchon@courts.mo.gov

Re: Status of ADA Complaint filed by Spectrum Institute

Dear Chief Justice:

I am writing on behalf of Alternatives to Guardianship, a new project funded by the Department of Mental Health on behalf of the Missouri Developmental Disabilities Council. Information about our mission and activities is found at: http://alternativestoguardianship.com/

The purpose of this letter is to inquire about the status of a complaint filed with this Court in 2017 under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act. In addition to the original complaint and attachments, copies of which are attached, I am also attaching follow-correspondence between the Court and Spectrum Institute. On May 11, 2018, the clerk informed Spectrum Institute that the complaint had been received and was under review.

When I checked with Spectrum Institute recently, I was informed that a follow-up communication was sent to the Court in 2019 but that Spectrum Institute did not receive a response.

This request is bing made as part of our due diligence to determine what actions have been taken in recent years by officials and public entities in Missouri to improve the administration of justice in adult guardianship proceedings. Determining what actions the Supreme Court may have taken in response to the ADA complaint is part of our investigation.

I look forward to learning more about this so that we can incorporate this information into our study and reports we will be issuing.

Best regards,

Jennifer Hulme Project Director