



January 3, 2023

Missouri Supreme Court,
State Courts Administrator,
and Circuit Courts
c/o ADA Coordinators

Dear Justices, Administrators, Judges, and ADA Coordinators:

On December 1, 2022, we sent you “An invitation to learn how the ADA applies to adult guardianship proceedings.” Attached to that email was an annotated bibliography showing why and how the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) applies to judicial proceedings in Missouri.

<https://alternativestoguardianship.com/annotated-bibliography.pdf>

With that document as background material, today we are sending you a report and recommendations on specific policies and practices that should be changed by the judicial branch to bring legal proceedings involving adults with mental and developmental disabilities (especially adult guardianship proceedings) into compliance with Title II of the ADA.

<https://alternativestoguardianship.com/ada-report.pdf>

We request that ADA coordinators forward this message to justices, judges, and administrators. Please let us know if we can be of any help as a review process occurs.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas F. Coleman". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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Alternatives to Guardianship Project
Disability Rights Section, DOJ Civil Rights Division