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DISMISSAL

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Congratulations to Elisa Hatlevig and Trevor Johnson who obtained dismissal of claims filed in U.S. District Court against a guardianship provider. In a wide-ranging Complaint, plaintiffs alleged violations of their constitutional rights, the ADA, the Social Security Act, and Minnesota statutes arising from the guardianship of one of the plaintiffs. In granting the motion to dismiss, the Court agreed that plaintiffs' claims

constituted a collateral attack on the state court guardianship proceedings and were thus barred by the Rooker-Feldman doctrine. The Court further held that the Complaint, spanning 234 pages and over 1,100 paragraphs, violated Rule 8. By obtaining judgment via pre-answer motion practice, the client avoided a protracted and unwarranted discovery process.

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