



## Exploring the Elder and Disability Program

The Second Judicial District Court's Elder and Disability Initiative (EDI) is a critical program that assists civil court judges in Bernalillo County with adult guardianship and conservatorship cases. Under the leadership of Judge Nancy Franchini, the EDI team provides support to adults who are unable to make important decisions regarding their safety and well-being. The team has effectively implemented comprehensive training programs for guardians and conservators, equipping them with the skills needed to manage healthcare, living arrangements, and financial matters. This training has proven invaluable in helping them navigate complex situations and make informed choices for those being cared for. With Trial Court Administrator Thomas Wilson coordinating EDI referrals from civil judges, the process for those requiring guardianship or conservatorship has become more streamlined. The EDI program fosters a collaborative atmosphere that prioritizes the needs of our community's most vulnerable individuals. Attorneys Nataley Quintana and Wendy Basgall conduct home visits where they can engage and develop meaningful connections with protected individuals, their guardians, and other key parties. The compassion and commitment of the EDI team has made a profound impact on many lives, and their dedication to supporting the well-being of vulnerable adults continues to drive the initiative's success.



L-R: TCAA Thomas Wilson, Managing Attorney Susie Widner, Attorney Nataley Quintana, Judge Nancy Franchini, Attorney Wendy Basgall, and Administrative Assistant Tony Lucero.