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Subject: DAAG Weekly November 15, 2022
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#### DISABILITY RIGHTS SECTION WEEKLY REPORT

November 15, 2022

FROM: Rebecca Bond

Chief, Disability Rights Section

SUBJECT: Disability Rights Section Report for the Week Ending November 21, 2022

# Significant Activities Last Week, This Week, Next Week, & 30-Day Look Ahead

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## Speaking Engagements

No items to report.

#### **Enforcement**

# Regulations, Interpretation, and Coordination

No items to report.

#### 30-DAY LOOK AHEAD

## **Speaking Engagements**

No items to report.

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# LAST WEEK'S EVENTS (November 1 through November 7, 2022)

# Speaking Engagement

On November 1, 2022, a representative from the Disability Rights Section—Trial Attorney Megan Schuller—presented virtually at the Digital Accessibility Legal Summit about the Section's accessible technology work.

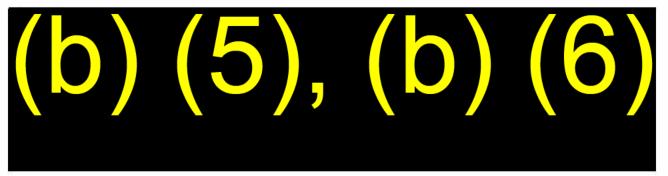
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United States v. North Carolina (E.D.N.C.) (DJ 204-54-121) (Elizabeth McDonald (b) (6) Section staff traveled to North Carolina on November 3-4, 2022 for a site visit and a quarterly parties' meeting with the State. The parties entered into a settlement agreement in 2012 to resolve allegations that the State was unnecessarily segregating thousands of individuals with serious mental illness in adult care homes, in violation of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act. On March 26, 2021, the United States and the State jointly moved to enter a modification of their

settlement agreement. The modification extended most of the agreement through July 1, 2023, while allowing some of its provisions to expire on July 1, 2021. The U.S. Attorney's Office was notified of the visit.

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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS
(November 8 through November 14, 2022)

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Betancourt-Colon v. City of San Juan (D.P.R.) (DJ No. 204-65-37) (Amanda Maisels, (b) (6): On November 17, 2022, Disability Rights Section staff will participate in a virtual court mediation session with the parties. Section staff recently participated in in-person negotiations and a mediation in San Juan during the week of October 24. Those discussions were productive, and the parties are optimistic that they will have an agreement in principle by the conclusion of the mediation session on November 17. On September 12, 2022, the Section intervened in this private suit alleging that the public sidewalk system in San Juan is inaccessible in violation of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Section previously filed a statement of interest in this matter and its resolution is directly relevant to the Section's enforcement of related noncompliance findings referred by the Federal Highway Administration in March 2022.

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From: Johnson, Elizabeth (CRT)

**Sent:** Wed, 26 Oct 2022 13:40:26 +0000

To: Herren, Chris (CRT)

Cc: Russ, Bert (CRT); Maisels, Amanda (CRT); Westfall, Elizabeth (CRT)

Subject: DRS and USAO Staff doing ADA election monitoring

Hi Chris,

The following counties will have DRS and USAO personnel conducting investigations in:

Center County, PA: (b) (5) on Election Day

Los Angeles County, CA: (b) (5) during early voting (there may be (b) (5) (5)

Sitka City-Borough , AK: (b) (5) during early voting

We are unsure yet if we will be in:

Newton County, AR: (b) (5) during early voting and on Election Day

Kansas City, MO: (b) (5)

I will confirm later this week. Amanda will supply you with the Harris County numbers. Also, (b) (5), (b) (7)(A) (b) (5), (b) (7)(A)

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks. Elizabeth

**Sent:** Tue, 8 Nov 2022 16:41:15 +0000

To: Mathis, Jennifer (CRT); Weiner, Robert (CRT); Cochran, Shaylyn (CRT)

Cc: Bond, Rebecca (CRT); Young, Anna (CRT)

Subject: DRS DAAG Weekly for the Week Ending Nov 14, 2022

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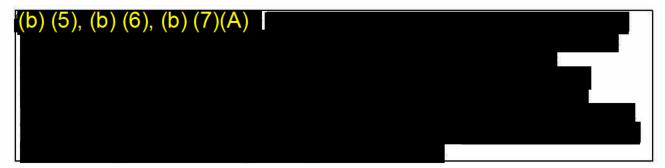
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#### 30-DAY LOOK AHEAD

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From: Johnson, Elizabeth (CRT)

**Sent:** Wed, 19 Oct 2022 00:26:22 +0000

To: Russ, Bert (CRT)

Cc: Westfall, Elizabeth (CRT)
Subject: Election Monitoring

Bert, so far USAOs will be conducting an investigation during the election in the following counties:

Los Angeles County, CA Centre County, PA

(b) (5), (b) (7)(A)

DRS and the USAO will also be in the Sitka City Borough, AK

Thanks!

Elizabeth Johnson

Senior Trial Attorney

Disability Rights Section

Civil Rights Division

Department of Justice



**Sent:** Tue, 8 Nov 2022 16:02:20 +0000

To: Baldwin, Anna (CRT)

Subject: FW: In the Cole County, MO meeting today

There will be more of this to come....

From: Kirkendall, Roberta (CRT) (b) (6)

Sent: Monday, November 7, 2022 2:33 PM

To: Bond, Rebecca (CRT) (b) (6)

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Cc: Raish, Anne (CRT) (b) (6)

McDannell, Jennifer (CRT) (b) (6)

McDonald, Elizabeth (CRT)

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Subject: In the Cole County, MO meeting today



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**Sent:** Tue, 8 Nov 2022 15:18:46 +0000

To: Fox, Deena (CRT)

Subject: FW: In the Cole County, MO meeting today

Re: Missouri



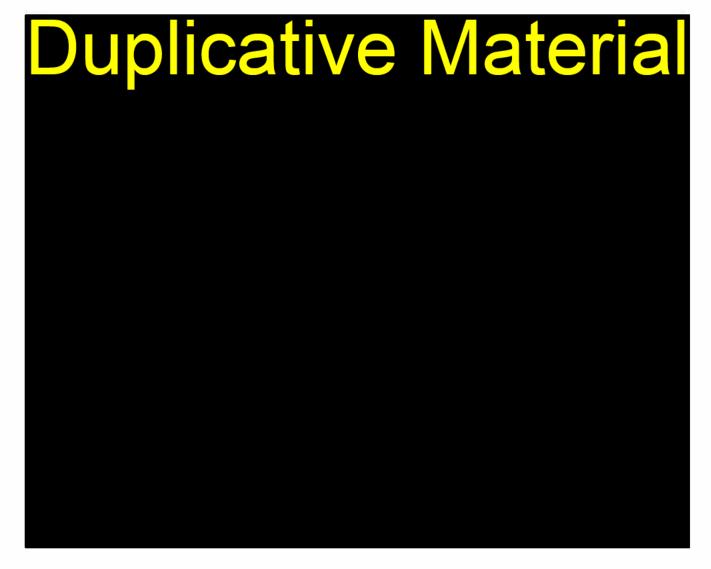
From: Fox, Deena (CRT)

**Sent:** Tue, 8 Nov 2022 15:59:54 +0000

To: Westfall, Elizabeth (CRT)

Subject: RE: In the Cole County, MO meeting today

Oy. Thank you for the heads up.



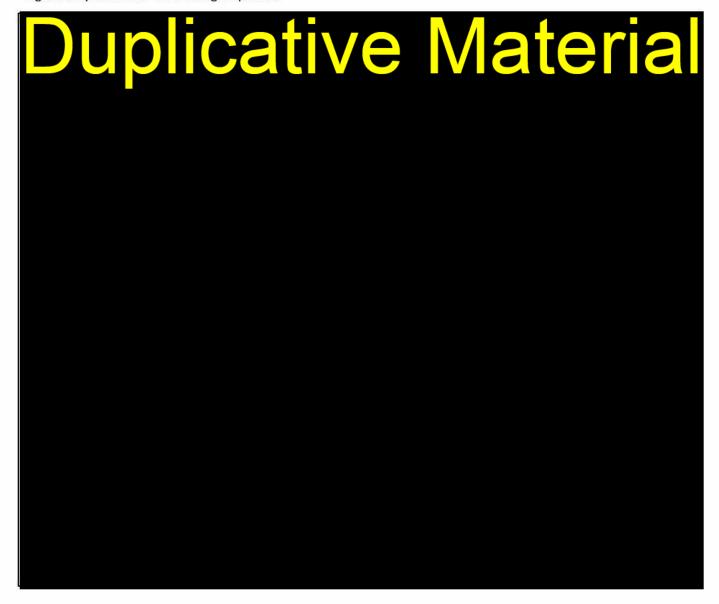
From: Baldwin, Anna (CRT)

**Sent:** Tue, 8 Nov 2022 16:04:00 +0000

To: Westfall, Elizabeth (CRT)

Subject: RE: In the Cole County, MO meeting today

Sigh... they all are on the same group chat.



From: Baldwin, Anna (CRT)

**Sent:** Tue, 8 Nov 2022 17:03:37 +0000

To: Westfall, Elizabeth (CRT)

Subject: RE: In the Cole County, MO meeting today

Is the MO part of this story about this meeting?

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/11/08/justice-department-monitors-floridadesantis/

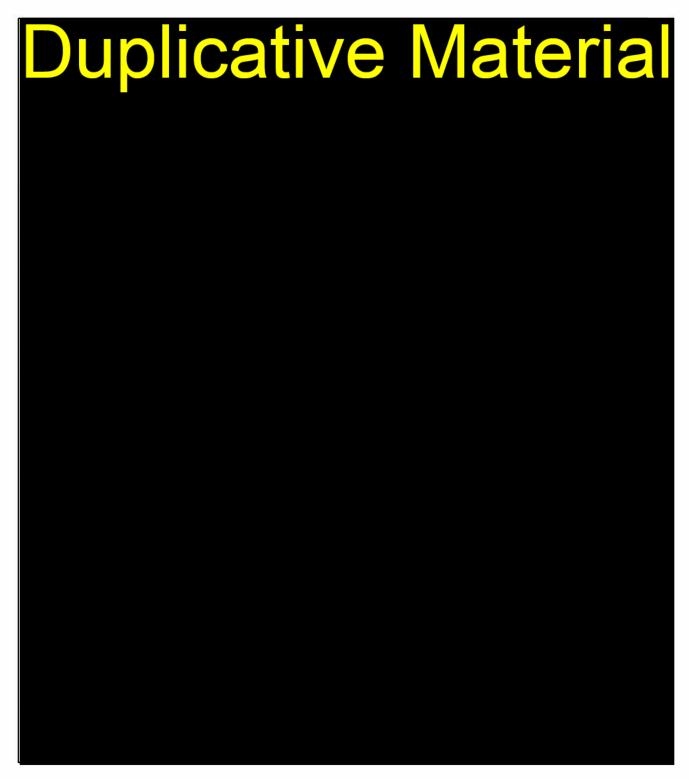


**Sent:** Tue, 8 Nov 2022 21:28:09 +0000

To: Baldwin, Anna (CRT)

Subject: RE: In the Cole County, MO meeting today

Yep...MO and FL refused to let us into the polling places.



From: Bond, Rebecca (CRT)

**Sent:** Mon, 7 Nov 2022 21:24:16 +0000

To: Westfall, Elizabeth (CRT)

Subject: Re: DRS ADA Election monitoring

Yes, I think we should.

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 7, 2022, at 4:19 PM, Westfall, Elizabeth (CRT) (b) (6) wrote:

Should I include this in the DAAG weekly?

From: Westfall, Elizabeth (CRT)

Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 10:37 AM

To: Mathis, Jennifer (CRT) (b) (6)

Cc: Bond, Rebecca (CRT) (b) (6) Raish, Anne (CRT)

Subject: DRS ADA Election monitoring

Hi, Jennifer – I am writing to provide you with a list of jurisdictions in which DRS and USAOs will be doing ADA monitoring during early voting or on Election Day. We have also provided this list to the Voting Section.

Please let us know if you have questions.

Thanks, Elizabeth

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Los Angeles County, CA: (b) (5)

Sitka City-Borough , AK: (b) (5)

Harris County, TX: (b) (5)

Newton County, AR: (b) (5)

Cole County, MO: (b) (5)

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Spartanburg County, SC: (b) (5)

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To: Herren, Chris (CRT); Maisels, Amanda (CRT) Cc: Russ, Bert (CRT); Westfall, Elizabeth (CRT) RE: DRS and USAO Staff doing ADA election monitoring Subject: HI Chris, updates to our election monitoring in bold. Center County, PA: (6)(5) on Election Day Los Angeles County, CA: (b)(5) during early voting Sitka City-Borough , AK: (b)(5) during early voting Harris County, TX: (b)(5) Newton County, AR: 140/60 on Election Day Cole County, MO: (15)(5) during in person absentee and on Election Day Lexington County, SC: 757/63 on Election Day Spartanburg County, SC: (b) (5) on Election Day ----Original Message----From: Herren, Chris (CRT)(b)(6) Sent: Wednesday, October 26, 2022 10:08 AM To: Maisels, Amanda (CRT) (b)(6) Johnson, Elizabeth (CRT) Cc: Russ, Bert (CRT) (b)(6) Westfall, Elizabeth (CRT) (b)(6) Subject: RE: DRS and USAO Staff doing ADA election monitoring Thanks so much! ----Original Message----From: Maisels, Amanda (CRT)(b)(6) Sent: Wednesday, October 26, 2022 10:08 AM To: Herren, Chris (CRT) (b)(5) Johnson, Elizabeth (CRT) Cc: Russ, Bert (CRT) (b)(6) Westfall, Elizabeth (CRT) (b)(6) Subject: RE: DRS and USAO Staff doing ADA election monitoring And we will have people in Harris County (15)(5) Amanda Maisels **Deputy Chief** Disability Rights Section ----Original Message----From: Herren, Chris (CRT) (b)(6) Sent: Wednesday, October 26, 2022 9:41 AM To: Johnson, Elizabeth (CRT)(b)(6)

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Johnson, Elizabeth (CRT)

Tue, 1 Nov 2022 22:01:21 +0000

From: Sent:

(5)(5)

Cc: Russ, Bert (CRT) (b)(6)

Westfall, Elizabeth (CRT) (b)(6)

Thanks so much for your help!



From: Johnson, Elizabeth (CRT)

**Sent:** Mon, 7 Nov 2022 21:38:00 +0000

To: Westfall, Elizabeth (CRT)
Subject: Re: for DAAG weekly

Los Angeles County, too. On Election Day, though, (b) (5)

And I would say "during the November 8 general election" or "on Election Day."

And Centre County is spelled Centre.

Thanks!

On Nov 7, 2022, at 3:27 PM, Westfall, Elizabeth (CRT) (b) (6) wrote:

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Subject: RE: In the Cole County, MO meeting today

Thanks for letting us know.

