

## ***Phoebe Ball***



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Phoebe Ball is the Legislative Affairs Specialist with the National Council on Disability (NCD). She is a nationally recognized expert on guardianship issues and has been the lead staff on several projects related to guardianship while at NCD.

Prior to her arrival in the District of Columbia in 2014, Ms. Ball was a staff attorney with Disability Rights Florida for seven years. While there, she worked on cases involving Social Security, Medicaid, guardianship and other disability issues. She has worked with the DD Council to provide training on guardianship and alternatives to legal professionals, families and individuals with disabilities.

In addition to her professional credentials, Ms. Ball was born with spina bifida and received SSI and Medicaid benefits for 12 years while working towards economic independence from SSA benefits. This has influenced her career choices and lifelong interest in improving SSI/SSDI and Medicaid to make it work better for people with disabilities.