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The Role of Psychologists in Conservatorship Cases

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The California Court of Appeal recently published two cases that address the role of psychologists in conservatorship cases: Conservatorship of S.A. and Conservatorship of O.B. The S.A. case involved a psychologist testifying on the appointment of a "general conservator" who takes control of all decisions regarding the individual (the "conservatee"), and the O.B. case involved a psychologist testifying on the appointment of a "limited conservator" who takes only limited control of certain decisions regarding the conservatee. In this article, written by Jack P. Lipton, these two cases are considered individually.