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Cases of note include:

- *Garcia v. Los Angeles Sheriff's Dept. et al*, USDC Case Number CV-09-08943 DMG (SHx) (class action addressing the failure to provide special education services to eligible young adults in the Los Angeles County jail system);
- *Meister et al. v. Hawthorne Police Department*, USDC Case Number CV-14-1096 MWF (SHx) (successfully settled multi-plaintiff lawsuit addressing failure to provide effective communication to individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing by the Hawthorne Police Department);
- *Goldkorn v. County of Riverside*, USDC Case Number CV 14-982 RSWL (SHx) (successfully settled case addressing the denial of programmatic access to an individual with a disability at Riverside Regional County Regional Medical Center).
- *Ochoa et al. v. City of Long Beach et al.*, USDC Case No. CV 14-04307 DSF (FFMx) (a class action challenging the City of Los Angeles' failure to maintain pedestrian right of ways, including sidewalks and curb ramps for people with mobility disabilities).