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NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS

Announcing new Editor in Chief. As Emily Flesch transitions into her new clerkship role, Mardell Presler will be taking over the Editor in Chief position. Mardell welcomes submissions, upcoming CLEs, news highlights, committee activities, photos, or member acolytes. Feel free to email her your submission to: mardell@mardellpreslerlaw.com.

2018 Minnesota Elder Law Institute

October 22 -23, all day at Minnesota CLE Conference Center

Your Annual Gathering and Update for Minnesota Elder Law Attorneys

Action-Oriented Education that Helps and Supports You, as You Help and Support Your Clients and Their Families

- **HEAR Essential Annual Updates** to Stay Current on New Law and Developments
- **LEARN Planning Specifics on MA** for Nursing Home Care, Assisted Living, and for Individuals Under Age 65
- **GAIN Insight on Financial Matters** – Working with Bankers and Advisors, Educating Clients About Scams and Exploits, Advocating on Debtor/Creditor Issues
- **Take Your Understanding of Fundamental Elder Law Topics to the NEXT LEVEL** – Housing and Assisted Living, Guardianship Decision-Making, Government Benefit Programs, Family Dynamics, and More
- **CREATE a More Sustainable Practice** – Refresh Your Energy and Motivation by Connecting with Colleagues, Taking Time for Your Own Education, and Examining the Science Behind Compassion So You Can Minimize Potential Fatigue

- And There's Always **MORE!**

For more details, [CLICK HERE](#)

OCTOBER EVENTS

Upcoming CLE: Recent Changes in Social Security Disability Practice: A Discussion with Chief Judge Richard Thrasher

October 16, Noon to 1 pm, MSBA Minneapolis, Pipestone Room.

For more details, [CLICK HERE](#)

ELDER LAW NEWS

[Lawyers and Cognitive Decline](#)

Lawyers and cognitive decline: Diminished capacity may bring ethics problems for sufferers

BY DAVID L. HUDSON JR., Sept 2018.

“The most common ethical problem for a lawyer experiencing cognitive decline is violation of the first rule of ethics – the duty of competency.” Read full article here:

Submitted by: Laura Orr

Please submit news articles of interest to mardell@mardellpreslerlaw.com.

ELDER LAW SECTION ACTIVITIES

ADVOCACY SUPPORT COMMITTEE:

The Advocacy Support Committee meets at the offices of Long, Reher, Hanson & Price. Telephone participation is available. Please contact committee chair Laura Zdychnec at lzdychnec@mnelderlaw.com for call-in instructions or more information.

Upcoming meeting dates to be announced.

PRO BONO COMMITTEE:

Meetings will be held via teleconference on the third Friday of every other month from 12-1 pm unless otherwise communicated.

Questions may be directed to Jennifer Wright at jlinderwright@gmail.com.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:

The Communications Committee oversees the monthly Elder Law E-Newsletter and the Elder Law Section website. The committee is composed of the newsletter editor, web editor, associate editors and contributors, and any other interested section members. Meetings are to be held every other month to review issues related to the newsletter and the website, and to conduct an annual member survey. Upcoming meetings for the Communications Committee are as follows:

November 14, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

January 9, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

March 13, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

June 12, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

The meeting location is Schromen Law, 600 Marshall Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55102.

Anyone interested in serving on the committee or suggesting ideas for the newsletter or website may contact Communications Committee chair Rachel Schromen at rachel@schromenlaw.com or 651-571-2515.

DIVERSITY COMMITTEE:

Meetings will be held via teleconference on the second Tuesday of every month from 9:30-10:15 am.

Please contact Maya Missaghi at missaghilaw@gmail.com if you would like to join!

EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

The Education Committee plans CLE seminars sponsored by the Elder Law Section and meets by telephone on the second Thursday of each month from 9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.

The next meeting will be announced.

If you would like to participate, please contact the committee chair, Laura Orr at laura.orr@smrls.org.

LAW STUDENT COMMITTEE:

The Law Student Committee helps attract students to become the next generation of elder law attorneys. The committee meets as needed during the school year. Our goal for this bar year is to host a panel event at each local law school where students can ask questions about the practice of elder law. We are always looking for other ways to engage students, so please feel free to attend meetings and make suggestions.

If you have questions about the committee, contact Jack Austin at jack@hawkelawgroup.com.

MA COMMITTEE:

The 2017-2018 Medical Assistance (MA) Committee meetings will be at 3:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of even-numbered months.

Upcoming meeting dates:

October 16, 2018 at 3:30 p.m.

December 18, 2018 at 3:30 p.m.

The Medical Assistance Committee is a study group to analyze the members' questions and case studies and to discuss administrative policies and procedures in relation to Medical Assistance in Minnesota. For directions, or to attend by phone, please contact Traci Sherman with Pluto Boes Legal, PLLC, at tsherman@plutoboeslegal.com or [507-247-5900](tel:507-247-5900) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Topics for the meeting may be submitted to tsherman@plutoboeslegal.com under the subject heading "MA Committee Topic," or faxed to [507-247-5868](tel:507-247-5868).

The Committee is hosted by Estate & Elder Law Service at Monroe Village, 1900 Central Avenue NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418. Parking is available behind the building and along adjacent streets. In-person attendees should enter through the door facing the parking lot behind the building. This door leads directly into the community room.

MA Committee members are invited to join the Medical Assistance Community forum at my.mnbar.org. Please contact Tram Nguyen at tnguyen@statebar.gen.mn.us to be added to the community.

NEW LAWYERS COMMITTEE:

Meetings will be held the second Thursday of even-numbered months at noon. Each meeting has a different topic based upon input from the new lawyers committee. Minutes of past meetings are available. The meetings are formatted so that a seasoned elder law attorney will speak for the first half hour, and the second half hour will be questions and answers.

Meetings will be held at Chestnut Cambronne PA, 17 Washington Ave N #300, Minneapolis, MN, 55401. Please contact Pook Grathwol at pgrathwol@chestnutcambronne.com or (612) 336-2919.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE:

The next Strategic Planning Committee meeting date is to be announced. Meetings are held at the law office of Maser, Amundson, Boggio & Hendricks, P.A., located at 6601 Lyndale Avenue South, Suite 320, Richfield, MN 55423. Questions may be directed to Brenna Galvin at bgalvin@maserlaw.com.

VULNERABLE ADULT COMMITTEE:

Contact Marit Peterson at marit.peterson@elderjusticemn.org or 651-440-9303, if you are interested in participating in this committee.

GOVERNING COUNCIL:

Meeting dates to be announced.

Meetings will be held at the Monroe Village Community Room. Monroe Village is located at 1900 Central Avenue NE, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55418. Parking is available behind the building and along adjacent streets. In-person attendees should enter through the door facing the parking lot behind the building. This door leads directly into the community room. For further information, please contact Tram Nguyen, section services manager, at tnguyen@mnbar.org or 612-278-6316.

The MSBA Elder Law Section's [Website](#) contains information about section committees and leadership. It also contains useful practice resources.

You may email Bridget-Michaele Reischl at bridget@decorolaw.com to suggest changes to website content.

Please send E-Newsletter contributions by 10 p.m. on the last day of each month to Mardell Presler at mardell@mardellpreslerlaw.com. The e-newsletter is distributed on the first Monday of each month. If the first Monday occurs on a holiday, the newsletter will be distributed on the following Monday.

If you do not wish to receive this E-Newsletter, send your request to be removed from the mailing list to Tram Nguyen at tnguyen@statebar.gen.mn.us

Current and prior E-Newsletters are posted on the website for the MSBA Elder Law Section and are available [here](#).