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UPCOMING EVENTS

Pro Bono Opportunity for Healthcare Decision Day April 16th!

Where: Episcopal Church Homes, corner of University and Fairview Ave N in Saint Paul

When: Tuesday, April 16th, 10am-2pm

Do you know what a Health Care Directive is? A Power of Attorney form? Might you have a notary stamp??

Then you should participate in this event!!

Come join your Diversity, Pro Bono, and Law Student Committees as they partner up with the MN Elder Justice Center in bringing the Midway community a chance to get free Health Care Directive and Power of Attorney legal advice and completion of the forms.

We are having clients sign up in 40 minute sessions and will have a couple laptops and printers available, along with eager volunteers to help streamline printing the forms once you've finished your session. Please bring your notary stamp.

We are only looking for 2 hours of your time, but if a group of us commit to just that, we can provide an enormous service to residents and members of the community for whom this may be the only time they'll have a chance to get their documents in shape and place!

ALSO THERE WILL BE LUNCH PROVIDED.

Please email Chris Courtney at chris.courtney@elderjusticemn.org to express interest, get more details and get onboard for this fun event!

APRIL CLE

MN CLE has several CLEs during the month of April. Check out their website, [MN CLE Seminars](#).

ELDER LAW NEWS

A Mother's Last Wish Renews Her Son's Faith and Brings Her Peace

“As Donna transitioned to hospice care, Stephanie Horak, who serves on the Lake Minnetonka Shores staff as the [ResoLute](#) Quality in Living Specialist, talked with her and her daughter-in-law, Nancy, about what mattered most to Donna and her wishes for the remainder of her life.”
On March 15, 2019 by Presbyterian Homes and Services.

I've known Stephanie for years, and she doesn't fret about life's ups and downs, but she takes her job seriously; she puts her whole heart into serving the elderly! Mardell Presler.

To access article, [A mother's last wish renews her son's faith and brings her peace](#).

Submitted by: Mardell Presler.

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

E-NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS

The MSBA has introduced a new Community Forum for the Elder Law Section Legislative Committee.

The Elder Law Section's Legislative Committee monitors proposed legislation at the state and federal level affecting the Section's membership; reviews legislative proposals put forward by other Sections and Committees of the MSBA; reviews proposals from other groups, agencies and individuals; keeps Section membership informed of proposed legislation; provides comment and other responses to legislative proposals; makes recommendations concerning support of, or opposition to, legislative proposals; develops relationships with other organizations affected by legislation of interest to the Section; acts as a coordinator for the Section's legislative activities; develops legislative proposals for inclusion in the MSBA legislative agenda; provides witnesses and testimony in support of, or opposition to, legislative proposals; and in general supports the MSBA and the Section's legislative agendas. Members interested in joining the committee or learning more about the legislative issues being reviewed by the committee may contact the Legislative Committee Chair, Suzy Scheller, at (763) 647-0042 or suzy@schellerlegalsolutions.com; or Vice-Chair, Julian J. Zweber, at (651) 646-4354 or julianzweber@qwestoffice.net.

Please contact Tram Nguyen at tnguyen@mnbars.org to be added to the Elder Law Section Legislative Committee Community Forum.

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.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:

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

May 8th, 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. The next meeting will be:

Please contact Maya Missaghi at maya@mmlawservices.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.

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

GOVERNING COUNCIL:

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@mnbars.org or 612-278-6316. The next meeting dates are:

April 26

June 21 (immediately following Annual Meeting which starts at 3:30 pm)

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.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:

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Meeting notices and committee reports are now being posted on the new MSBA Elder Law Section Legislative Committee Community Forum.

Please contact Tram Nguyen at tnguyen@mnbars.org to be added to the Elder Law Section Legislative Committee Community Forum.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE:

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

June 25 at 3:30 p.m.

August 20 at 3:30 p.m.

October 15 at 3:30 p.m.

December 17 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 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.

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@mnbars.org 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.

PRO BONO COMMITTEE:

The Pro Bono Committee, due to lack of attendance, is suspending committee meetings until further notice. Please contact Jennifer Wright, Chair, at jlinderwright@gmail.com, if you have an interest in working with the Pro Bono Committee.

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.

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 E-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@mnbars.org.

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