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**E-NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS**

The Elder Law Section is introducing a new committee, the Legislative Committee. Everyone is invited to join the Legislative Committee Community forum at [my.mnbar.org](http://my.mnbar.org). Please contact Tram Nguyen at [tnguyen@mnbars.org](mailto:tnguyen@mnbars.org) to be added to the community.

**FEBRUARY EVENTS**

**Upcoming CLE:**

**Tax Essentials for Elder Law Attorneys**

February 28, 2019, 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM, MSBA Minneapolis, Glacial Lakes Room.  
Participation by webcast available.

This session, presented by Bryan Jamison, Jamison and Jamison, PA, will focus on tax issues that elder law attorneys should be able to spot and discuss with clients including medical deductions, cost basis issues, income tax resulting from drawing down retirement accounts and more.

Register here: [Tax Essentials for Elder Law Attorneys](#).

**ELDER LAW NEWS**

**Session Preview Highlights Our 2019 Priorities**

“LeadingAge Minnesota...advocates for policies that help us to provide better care for the seniors we serve and their caregivers. The Long-Term Care Imperative has several priorities this legislative session.” On January 15, 2019 by [Libbie Chapuran](#).

To access article, click [HERE](#).

Submitted by: Mardell Presler.

Please submit news articles of interest to [mardell@mardellpreslerlaw.com](mailto:mardell@mardellpreslerlaw.com).

## **ELDER LAW SECTION ACTIVITIES**

### LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Legislative Committee members are invited to join the Legislative Committee Community forum at [my.mnbar.org](http://my.mnbar.org). Please contact Tram Nguyen at [tnguyen@mnbars.org](mailto:tnguyen@mnbars.org) to be added to the community.

### 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](mailto:lzdychnec@mnelderlaw.com) for call-in instructions or more information.

Upcoming meeting dates to be announced.

### PRO BONO COMMITTEE:

The Pro Bono Committee meets on the third Friday of every other month at 3 pm at Estate and Elder Law Services, 1900 Central Ave. NE, Ste. 106, Conference Room, Minneapolis. Parking is available behind the building and along adjacent streets. Attendees should enter through the Estate and Elder Law Services door on Central Avenue by ringing the doorbell.

Questions may be directed to Jennifer Wright at [jlinderwright@gmail.com](mailto: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 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:

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

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://my.mnbar.org). Please contact Tram Nguyen at [tnguyen@mnbars.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:bgalvin@maserlaw.com).

VULNERABLE ADULT COMMITTEE:

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

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](mailto:tnguyen@mnbars.org) or 612-278-6316. The next meeting dates are:

**February 15, 2019 at 3:30 p.m.**

**April 26, 2019 at 3:30 p.m.**

**June 21, 2019 (immediately following Annual Meeting which starts at 3:30 pm)**

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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](mailto:bridget@decorolaw.com) to suggest changes to website content.

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Please send E-Newsletter contributions by 10 p.m. on the last day of each month to Mardell Presler at [mardell@mardellpreslerlaw.com](mailto: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](mailto:tnguyen@mnbars.org).

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