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**E-NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS**

**Legal Basics of Subsidized Housing Rents: Income, Formula-Based, and Tax Credit Properties**

Tuesday, March 10 at 1 P.M.

The [National Center on Law & Elder Rights](#) (NCLER) will be providing a webinar will provide an overview of the rules governing tenant rent contributions in the major federal programs, including public housing, project-based rental assistance programs, the Housing Choice Voucher program, and LIHTC. The webinar will also review how a tenant's rent contribution is established and adjusted in different programs, with a particular focus on the rules governing income determinations.

Click here for [free webinar on subsidized housing](#).

**What Matters Most at the End of Life?**

Monday, April 6, 6:30 – 8:30 at St. Paul RiverCentre. Tickets are \$39 in advance.

Minnesota Network of Hospice & Palliative Care (MNHPC) is the state's leading hospice and palliative care network. We bring providers, business partners, and individuals together to increase knowledge, access services, and strengthen advocacy for people living with a serious illness or experiencing the end of life.

Thirty-nine years strong, MNHPC is directed by nurses, doctors, clinicians, and community leaders passionate about the value of palliative and hospice care. Our work is helping to shape the future of how palliative and hospice care services are offered and delivered.

Click here to [Learn More about MNHPC](#) Annual Conference April 5-7.

Contributed by Laura Orr.

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

## **MARCH CLE**

### **Help for Attorneys in Crisis – Dealing with Lawyer Addiction and Impairment**

March 12 from 12 – 1 pm at US Bank Training Room, St. Paul.

How to recognize and obtain help when you, a work colleague or other professional colleague may have a substance use, mental health, or other issue that affects behavior, conduct and performance. Topics include understanding the issues, approaching the lawyer (including interventions), arranging assistance such as treatment, and practice management issues during and following a reduced work schedule or leave of absence. Colleagues can save careers, families, and lives.

*Registration and lunch will begin at 11:30 am, the CLE program will run from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. Lunch is included in your registration.*

*Presenter:* Robert Schuneman, Outreach Coordinator, [Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers](#)

Click here to register: <https://www.mnbar.org/members/cle-events/event?EventID=3765>.

Contributed by Maya Massaghi.

## **UPCOMING CLE**

### **Medical Assistance for Home and Community - Based Services**

June 18, 2020 from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM at Minnesota State Bar Association Minneapolis.

When applying for Medical Assistance benefits, clients requiring long-term care are often directed toward Medical Assistance for Long-Term Care or the Elderly Waiver program. However, there are a number of lesser-known programs (with many acronyms) available to clients to provide services for a multitude of health care needs. The focus of this presentation is an examination of the “alphabet soup” of Medical Assistance programs available for clients in Minnesota, including the eligibility requirements, benefits available, and different examples of clients who could benefit from these programs.

Speaker: Lauren L. Fink | Attorney, Maser, Amundson & Boggio, P.A.

To register, click here: <https://www.mnbar.org/members/cle-events/event?EventID=3714>

Please submit upcoming CLEs to [mardell@mardellpreslerlaw.com](mailto: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](mailto:lzdychnec@mnelderlaw.com) for call-in instructions or more information.

Upcoming meeting dates to be announced.

#### AWARDS COMMITTEE:

The Awards Committee Chair is appointed by the incoming Council Chair after the Council Chair takes office each year. The current Committee Chair is Julian J. Zweber. Members of the Committee are appointed each year by the Council Chair on recommendation by the Committee Chair as approved or modified by the Council Chair. The Committee usually meets from July to October of each year, at the call of the Committee Chair. The Committee solicits nominations from Section members for Section Awards and determines what Awards should be presented at the next Elder Law Institute sponsored by MN CLE, usually in October of each year. For more information, please contact Julian J. Zweber at 651-646-4354 or [julianzweber@qwestoffice.net](mailto:julianzweber@qwestoffice.net).

#### 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 coordinator, 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:

**April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.**

**June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.**

**August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.**

The meeting location is Julian's Office at 1360 Energy Park Drive, Saint Paul, MN 55108 in the First Floor Conference Room. If you're not able to attend in person, please contact Mardell Presler or Tram Nguyen to request a conference call in number, [mardell@mardellpreslerlaw.com](mailto:mardell@mardellpreslerlaw.com) or [tnguyen@mnbars.org](mailto:tnguyen@mnbars.org).

Anyone interested in serving on the committee or suggesting ideas for the newsletter or website may contact Communications Committee chair Mardell Presler to [mardell@mardellpreslerlaw.com](mailto:mardell@mardellpreslerlaw.com) or 763-360-7833.

#### 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 [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 via conference call on the second Thursday of each month from 9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. Our next meeting will be:

**March 12 at 9:30 A.M. To join the conference call, participants call 1-877-226-9607 and then enter Conference ID 8157976029#.**

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).

#### 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](mailto:suzy@schellerlegalsolutions.com); or Vice-Chair, Julian J. Zweber, at (651-646-4354) or [julianzweber@qwestoffice.net](mailto:julianzweber@qwestoffice.net).

Please contact Tram Nguyen at [tnguyen@mnbars.org](mailto:tnguyen@mnbars.org) to be added to the Elder Law Section Community Forum.

## MEDICAL ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE:

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@plutoboesModule.com](mailto:tsherman@plutoboesModule.com) or 507-247-5900 at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Topics for the meeting may be submitted to [tsherman@plutoboesModule.com](mailto:tsherman@plutoboesModule.com) under the subject heading "MA Committee Topic," or faxed to 507-247-5868.

The Medical Assistance (MA) Committee meetings will be at 3:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of even-numbered months. 2020 are tentatively scheduled for the following dates:

**April 21, 2020 at 3:30**

**June 23, 2020 at 3:30**

**August 18, 2020 at 3:30**

**October 20, 2020 at 3:30**

**December 15, 2020 at 3:30**

To attend by telephone, call 1-800-226-9607 at the designated meeting time. When prompted, enter Conference Identification Number [or Participant Code] 8157976029# to be connected to the conference.

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.

## 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](mailto: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](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.

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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 Lucas Spaeth at [lucas.spaeth@voamn.org](mailto:lucas.spaeth@voamn.org) 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](#).