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NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS

Save the Date: Annual Elder Law Section Meeting

The MSBA Elder Law Section's annual meeting will take place on Friday, June 15, 2018, at 3:30 P.M. Section members may attend in person at the Monroe Village Community Room (1900 Central Avenue NE, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55418) or may attend by telephone.

Call-in information, an agenda, and a slate of nominees for leadership positions will be distributed by e-mail at least 10 days prior to the meeting. Nominations of candidates for leadership positions will also be accepted during the meeting. Please help us start the 2018-2019 bar year strong with your participation and engagement.

Recognizing and Dealing with Bias in the Practice of Law CLE

The Diversity Committee would like to alert section members to the following CLE, as shared by our own April King, which promises to be enlightening and serves to fill a Bias credit:

Professor Carl Warren, head of the Community Justice Project at St. Thomas will be presenting.

Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at the MSBA Office Glacial Lake Room in Minneapolis.

4:30 p.m. - Appetizers and Drinks

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. - CLE

Registration [available here.](#)

If you can't make May 9, there is in fact another elimination of bias CLE at the MSBA Small and Solo Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 11! Registration [available here.](#)

Elder Law Section Diversity Plan

Starting in 2016, the Diversity and Inclusion program of the MSBA developed a [toolkit](#) encouraging each MSBA section to create a diversity plan to identify, support, and leverage diverse talent in our profession. The Elder Law Section identified creating a diversity plan as one of its goals in its 2017-2018 work plan. In December 2017, the Elder Law Section Governing Council approved the [Elder Law Section Diversity Plan](#). The Elder Law Section's Diversity Committee prepared the plan and is proud to present it to the entire section. Thank you for being part of this section effort to value and support diversity in the elder law community. We look forward to working together in implementing the plan and promoting events that support attorneys and serve clients of historically underrepresented communities.

If anyone new is interested in joining the Diversity Committee, please contact Maya Missaghi at mayamissaghi@gmail.com for more information.

Elder Law 101: Capacity and Representation Issues CLE

Thursday, June 7, 2018 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the MSBA Office Gooseberry Falls Room in Minneapolis.

Presenters:

Luther M. Amundson, Maser, Amundson, Boggio & Hendricks, P.A.
Margaret "Pook" M. Grathwol, Chestnut Cambronne PA
Elizabeth "Lisa" C. Henry, Chestnut Cambronne PA
Rodney J. Mason, Mason & Helmers (Rodney J. Mason, Ltd.)

CLE Credit:

1.0 Standard CLE Credit applied for | Event Code: 256314

Cost:

Elder Law Section Member: FREE
Non-Section Member: \$15 (or see special offer below)
Non-MSBA Member: \$30
Law Student: FREE

SPECIAL OFFER: MSBA members who are not members of the Elder Law Section can join the section for \$25 and attend the CLE for free! Call Tram Nguyen at 612-278-6316 to register under this option.

Registration [available here.](#)

Elder Law Section Co-Sponsoring Upcoming MSBA Convention:

The 2018 Minnesota State Bar Association Convention will take place on Thursday, June 28 and Friday, June 29 at Mystic Lake Center in Prior Lake, Minnesota. The Elder Law Section will be co-sponsoring this event. Elder Law section members can attend the convention for only \$45!

Convention registration is [available here](#). Information on how to register at the discounted price can be found [here](#).

EVENTS SCHEDULED IN THE NEXT MONTH

May 9, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. – Communications Committee (Schromen Law, St. Paul)

May 18, 2018 at 12 p.m. – Pro Bono Committee (teleconference)

ELDER LAW NEWS

[Minnesota Elder Care Reform Advocates Turn Up Heat on Legislators](#)

[Medicaid Won't Look the Same Next Year](#)

[Opioid Treatment Gap in Medicare: Methadone Clinics](#)

[Reflections of a Dementia Specialist: I Want to Stop Working Before I Embarrass Myself](#)

Please submit news articles of interest to emily.flesch@mitchellhamline.edu.

ELDER LAW CASES

Please submit Elder Law cases of interest to emily.flesch@mitchellhamline.edu

STATUTES, REGULATIONS, BULLETINS

Please submit statutes, regulations, or bulletins of interest to emily.flesch@mitchellhamline.edu

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:
June 6, 2018 at 3:30 p.m.

PRO BONO COMMITTEE:

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

May 18, 2018 at 12 p.m.

Questions may be directed to Maya Missaghi at mayamissaghi@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:

May 9, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

July 11, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

September 12, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

November 14, 2018 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:

SAVE THE DATE - Elder Law Diversity Retreat:

Are you interested in talking about diversity or figuring out why everyone is so interested in it?! Do you like cabins, lakes, the beautiful outdoors? Then you should come to the very first **Elder Law Diversity Retreat on Friday, June 22 through Sunday, June 24!** Bring your family (or not) to an idyllic setting up North (Jennifer Wright's cabin), spend some quality time lakeside with family and/or other section members as well as study various diversity topics, including but

not limited to Implicit Bias, MSBA's diversity initiatives and Elder Law's critical role in supporting diverse communities and traditions.

How can you resist? You shouldn't! Please contact Jennifer Wright at jlinderwright@gmail.com for more details and so she knows how much food to get. Hope to see you there!

Upcoming Committee Meetings:

Tuesday June 12, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. via teleconference.

Please contact Maya Missaghi mayamissaghi@gmail.com if you would like to attend.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Meetings are held via conference call. Please contact Genevieve Gaboriault at gegaboriault@mylegalaid.org to participate.

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 john.j.austin3@gmail.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:

June 26, 2018 at 3:30 p.m.

August 21, 2018 at 3:30 p.m.

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 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.

- May 10, 2018 - Jill Sauber, Funerals (preplanning)
- July 12, 2018 - David Rephan (Annuities)

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 will be on May 31, 2018, at 3:30 P.M. 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:

The committee will meet on either May 8 or 9. Please contact Marit Peterson (marit.peterson@elderjusticemn.org) at the Minnesota Elder Justice Center for in-person meeting and/or call-in details; or any additional information you'd like regarding the Vulnerable Adult Committee. We welcome any interested participants!

GOVERNING COUNCIL:

The Elder Law Section Governing Council will meet at the following dates and times during the MSBA year ending in June 2018:

June 15, 2018 at 3:30 p.m.

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 Emily Flesch at emily.flesch@mitchellhamline.edu. 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@mnbar.org.

Current and prior E-Newsletters are posted on the website for the MSBA Elder Law Section and are available here.

