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**NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS**

**Governing Council Officers and Members**

The following section council members were elected to serve as section officers from July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019:

Chair: Mary Ebb

Vice Chair: Marit Peterson

Secretary: Genevieve Gaboriault

Treasurer: Jill Sauber

The following section members were elected to serve as section council members from July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2020:

Jack Austin

Mary Joki Ebb

Charissa Perzel Hall

Amber M. Hildebrandt

Maya Missaghi

Laura Orr

Marit Peterson

Mary Frances Price

Cathryn Reher

Bridget Reischl

Adam Rohne

Suzanne Sandahl

Suzanne Scheller

Jennifer Wright

Ruthanne Vos

The following section members were elected to fill vacated terms expiring in June 30, 2019:

Joel Smith  
Daniel Steinhagen  
Julian Zweber

The following section members who are law students were elected to serve as associate (student) members of the council:

Traci Sherman  
Brianna Tretter

The following council members will continue council membership during the second year of their two-year terms, which end June 30, 2019:

Callyn Bedker  
Lauren Fink  
Genevieve Gaboriault  
Brenna Galvin  
Jean Gustafson  
John Kantke  
Jill Sauber  
Jeff Schmidt  
Rachel Schromen  
Lori Skibbie  
Laura Zdychnec

During the section meeting, the section recognized the service of the following section members leaving the section council: Stuart Duering, Lori Guzmán, Richard Hawke, Kenneth LaBore, and David Rephan. The section also recognized its section services manager, Tram Nguyen, with a gift of appreciation.

### **ELDER LAW NEWS**

[This 87-year-old D.C. Woman Just Made it Easier for You to Keep Your Independence](#)

Please submit news articles of interest to [emily.flesch@mitchellhamline.edu](mailto:emily.flesch@mitchellhamline.edu).

### **ELDER LAW CASES**

Please submit Elder Law cases of interest to [emily.flesch@mitchellhamline.edu](mailto:emily.flesch@mitchellhamline.edu)

## **STATUTES, REGULATIONS, BULLETINS**

### **Updated Medical Assistance Numbers**

Medical Assistance eligibility numbers have changed as of July 1. The updated income and asset guidelines can be found [here](#).

Pluto Boes Legal has put together a quick reference sheet of the updated numbers, which can be found [here](#).

Please submit statutes, regulations, or bulletins of interest to [emily.flesch@mitchellhamline.edu](mailto: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](mailto: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 Maya Missaghi at [mayamissaghi@gmail.com](mailto: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:

**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](mailto:rachel@schromenlaw.com) or 651-571-2515.

#### EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Meetings are held via conference call. Please contact Genevieve Gaboriault at [gegaboriault@mylegalaid.org](mailto: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 [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.

Upcoming meeting dates:

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://my.mnbar.org). Please contact Tram Nguyen at [tnguyen@statebar.gen.mn.us](mailto: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.

Upcoming meeting dates will be announced.

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:**

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](mailto:tnguyen@mnbar.org) or 612-278-6316.

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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 Emily Flesch at [emily.flesch@mitchellhamline.edu](mailto: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@statebar.gen.mn.us](mailto: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](#).