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**OCTOBER CLE AND EVENTS**

*All MSBA programming is currently **REMOTE-ONLY** participation. There is **NO in-person attendance**.*

*For the MSBA statement on COVID-19 click [here](#). Thank you.*

**REMOTE ONLY: The Life and Legacy of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg**

Wednesday, October 7, 2020 from 4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M., Remote Only.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's career as a litigator and her decades of service on the Supreme Court shaped the law and our lives. Join us for this review of Justice Ginsburg's legal legacy from a number of angles. Our presenters will also discuss the upcoming confirmation process—what we know about it, and what to expect.

Presenters:

Professor Leondra Hanson of Hamline University

Professor David Schultz of Hamline University and University of Minnesota Law School

The deadline to register is October 5, 2020. To register, click [here](#).

**REMOTE ONLY: Practical Insights to Unique Probate Problems**

Thursday, October 15, 2020 from 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M., Remote Only

Every probate is unique, and in one way or another, complex to some degree. We will review what the fiduciary role entails and provide practical insight on handling several types of problematic probate issues from handling personal property, administering taxes and managing conflicts of interest. We will provide real world scenarios and practical solutions to resolve and settle these common probate problems.

Presenter:

Scott Ruhsam of Kennedy & Ruhsam Law Offices, PA

The deadline to register is October 13, 2020. To register, click [here](#).

**REMOTE ONLY: Fall 2020 Social Security News and Updates Roundtable**

Tuesday, October 20, 2020 from 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M., Remote Only.

The Social Security Disability Law Section invites you to join our monthly virtual gathering to learn about updates to Social Security practice such as Consultative Exams, the new video hearings, new online access to initial and recon cases, and other topics. We will engage in discussion about Social Security hearings, applications, payments, and other related issues. Please come prepared to share your questions, experiences, strategies, and tips for managing during the COVID-19 pandemic. These roundtable brown bag discussions are an informal forum for you to discuss and ask questions of other practitioners.

Presenters:

Asha Sharma of Disability Partners

Adam D. Spees of Cooper Law

To register, click [here](#).

**REMOTE ONLY: Statutory Changes to Minnesota Guardianship Law and Financial Exploitation and Abuse Reporting**

Tuesday, October 27, 2020 from 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M., Remote Only.

Presenters:

Lisa Henry of Chestnut Cambronne, PA

Francis Rondoni of Chestnut Cambronne, PA

Julian Zebot of Maslon, LLP

To register, click [here](#).

*Contributed by Brenna Galvin.*

Please submit upcoming CLEs to [mmoen@chandlerandbrown.com](mailto:mmoen@chandlerandbrown.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.

**Please note, due to COVID-19, all meetings will be held remotely by telephone at this time.**

If you are interested in serving on the committee or suggesting ideas for the newsletter or website, contact Communications Committee chair Lucas Spaeth at [lucas.spaeth@voamn.org](mailto:lucas.spaeth@voamn.org).

#### 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.

If you would like to participate, please contact the committee chair, Laura Orr at [laura.orr@smrls.org](mailto:laura.orr@smrls.org).

#### GOVERNING COUNCIL:

The Elder Law Section Governing Council is chaired by Jack Austin and is currently meeting via Zoom. Meetings are currently scheduled for the following dates:

**Friday, October 9, 2020 at 3:30 P.M.**

**Friday December 18, 2020 at 3:30 P.M.**

**Friday, February 19, 2021 at 3:30 P.M.**

**Friday, April 16, 2021 at 3:30 P.M.**

**Friday, June 18, 2021 at 3:30 P.M.** \*Note that this is the Annual Elder Law Section Meeting, the Governing Council meeting will take place immediately after.

Please contact Tram Nguyen at [tnguyen@mnbars.org](mailto:tnguyen@mnbars.org) or Jack Austin at [jack@hawkelawgroup.com](mailto:jack@hawkelawgroup.com) to receive Zoom instructions to join the meeting.

#### 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 John Kantke at [john.kantke@voamn.org](mailto:john.kantke@voamn.org).

#### 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 meetings are tentatively scheduled for the following dates:

**October 20, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.**

**December 15, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.**

**Please note, due to COVID-19, all meetings will be held remotely by telephone at this time.**

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.

#### PRO BONO COMMITTEE:

The Pro Bono Committee, due to lack of attendance, is suspending committee meetings until further notice. The Pro Bono Committee currently does not have a Chair. If you have an interest in working with the Pro Bono Committee, please contact Elder Law Section President, Jack Austin, at [jack@hawkelawgroup.com](mailto:jack@hawkelawgroup.com).

#### STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE:

The next Strategic Planning Committee meeting date is to be announced. Questions may be directed to Committee Chair, Jack Austin, at [jack@hawkelawgroup.com](mailto:jack@hawkelawgroup.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 Mallory Moen at [mmoen@chandlerandbrown.com](mailto:mmoen@chandlerandbrown.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](#).