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**SEPTEMBER CLE AND EVENTS**

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

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

**REMOTE ONLY: “Going” to Court during a Pandemic – What to Expect for Your Case in a Time of Uncertainty**

Wednesday, September 16, 2020 from 4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M., Remote Only.

We’re all learning how to adjust and move forward in these unprecedented times. Join us for a discussion with members of the Fourth District civil bench for their input on the following topics and more: What are judges doing with their cases? Are there certain kinds of cases that are not being heard? Do I need to come to court? Can I if I want to? Can my client come too? Can we just Zoom it? How are jury trials going to be scheduled? My trial block came and went during the shutdown. What can I expect next? What would a jury/court trial look like?

Presenters:

Honorable Kristin Siegesmund, Hennepin County

Honorable Jacqueline Regis, Hennepin County

Honorable Christian Sande, Hennepin County

Honorable James Moore, Hennepin County

To register, click [here](#).

**REMOTE ONLY: COVID-19 Grab Bag**

Friday, September 18, 2020 from 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M., Remote Only.

We will take a frequently asked question approach to this CLE, covering common health law regulatory questions arising from COVID-19 and the government's response. Topics we are sure to cover include telehealth coverage and state licensing issues; highlights of Medicare payment and certification regulatory waivers; operational issues involved in the great mask debate; and billing for virtual services in patient homes.

Presenters:

David Glaser, Fredrikson & Byron, P.A.  
Katherine Ilten, Fredrikson & Byron, P.A.

The deadline to register is September 16, 2020. To register, click [here](#).

### **REMOTE ONLY: How to Find (Almost) Anything: Tips and Tricks for Researching the Law**

Thursday, September 24, 2020 from 8:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M., Remote Only.

Explore the wealth of legal and government information available for free online or in print. Librarians from the State Law Library will cover free and low-cost legal research tools, finding court records, finding government documents, and how to search the archived internet.

Presenters:

Sarah Larson, Outreach Librarian at Minnesota State Law Library

The deadline to register is September 22, 2020. To register, click [here](#).

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.

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 Lucas Spaeth or Tram Nguyen to request a conference call in number, [lucas.spaeth@voamn.org](mailto:lucas.spaeth@voamn.org) or [tnguyen@mnbars.org](mailto:tnguyen@mnbars.org). **Please note, due to COVID-19, all meetings will be held remotely by telephone at this time.**

Anyone interested in serving on the committee or suggesting ideas for the newsletter or website may contact Communications Committee chair Luca 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).

#### 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](#).