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ELDER LAW NEWS

Remote Attendance Options Now Available

In light of the ongoing pandemic, the MSBA will now have the option to remotely attend all Elder Law Governing Council meetings via Zoom beginning mid-August. Instructions for attending meetings via Zoom will be provided prior to the meetings.

Contributed by Julian Zweber.

AUGUST 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: Mindfulness and the Practice of Law

Thursday, August 11, 2020 from 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M., Remote Only.

Lawyer mental health matters—especially in times of extreme and rapid change. However, legal professionals often work in high-stress environments that leave little room for mindfulness and meditation. Join Nefra MacDonald, Clio’s Affinity Programs Manager, and Jeena Cho—co-author of *The Anxious Lawyer, An 8-Week Guide to a Joyful and Satisfying Law Practice Through Mindfulness and Meditation*—as they explore why it’s essential for lawyers to take care of their mental health, how mindfulness and meditation work, and practical tips for practicing mindfulness daily.

Presenters:

Nefra MacDonald, Clio

Jeena Cho, JC Law Group PC

To register, click [here](#).

REMOTE ONLY: Law in the Time of COVID: Virtual Court and Administrative Practice

Wednesday, August 12, 2020 from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M., Remote Only.

How local tribunals are handling court hearings and trials in this time of COVID, with restrictions, partial re-opening, and social distancing recommendations. Hear about different practice areas and from both perspectives, bench and practitioner.

Presenters:

Honorable Sara Grewing, Ramsey County District Court
Honorable Mark Ireland, Ramsey County District Court
Honorable Eric Lipman, Office of Administrative Hearings
Susan Minsberg, Susan Minsberg Law Office

The deadline to register is August 10, 2020. To register, click [here](#).

REMOTE ONLY: Estate Planning Practice in Time of COVID-Lessons Learned

Thursday, August 13, 2020 from 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M., Remote Only.

COVID-19 has been here for several months. What are the lessons learned from navigating estate planning practice while social distancing, working remotely, and taking necessary precautions to protect clients and law office staff? What are the best approaches to transitioning to re-entry, as the pandemic subsides, and we experience partial opening-up?

Presenters:

Adam Rohne, Wells Fargo
Richard Baum, Safe Harbor Estate Law

The deadline to register is August 11, 2020. To register, click [here](#).

REMOTE ONLY: Timeshare Basics

Tuesday, August 25, 2020 from 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M., Remote Only.

How timeshares work, trends in the industry, legal issues that should concern timeshare owners; how to get out of timeshares, and some very basic information about how timeshares are created.

Presenter:

William G. Cottrell, Cottrell Green PA

The deadline to register is August 24, 2020. To register, click [here](#).

Please submit upcoming CLEs to 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 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.

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 or 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.

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 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.

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.

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; or Vice-Chair, Julian J. Zweber, at (651-646-4354) or julianzweber@qwestoffice.net.

Please contact Tram Nguyen at 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@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.

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:

August 18, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.

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. Please contact Tram Nguyen at nguyen@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.

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.

VULNERABLE ADULT COMMITTEE:

Contact Marit Peterson at marit.peterson@elderjusticemn.org or 651-440-9303, if you are interested in participating in this committee.

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 to suggest changes to website content.

Please send E-Newsletter contributions by 10 p.m. on the last day of each month to Mallory Moen at 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.

Current and prior E-Newsletters are posted on the website for the MSBA Elder Law Section and are available [HERE](#).