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E-NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS

Call to Action from Mary Ebb. *“One of the great ironies of life is this: He or she who serves almost always benefits more than he or she who is served.” - Gordon Hinckle*

I grew up in the same small town and in the same house where my mother was born and raised. I was always amazed at how many people she knew and how often she was called upon to serve in one capacity or another.

My mother was on the PTA council at my elementary school, she served as an election judge, she volunteered at church (so much so that my father referred to her as “the pope”) and when I wanted to become a Girl Scout, she was my troop leader. My mother got a lot of joy from volunteering. She built important relationships that lasted a lifetime. My childhood friends still talk about what a difference she made in their lives. She taught me by her example that participating in and contributing to important organizations and causes mattered.

I chose elder law because it’s an area of practice where I can really make a difference and being a part of the Elder Law Governing Council has been a big part of that. I have benefited in so many ways. I have access to a network of compassionate practitioners with a wealth of knowledge and experience. There are many opportunities to learn and serve through continuing legal education programs and committees.

By sharing *your* skills and knowledge, you will also develop new skills and knowledge. You will build important relationships that will last a lifetime. And you will make a difference in the lives of some of our most vulnerable citizens. As a group we can do so much more than we can do on our own.

If you don’t know where to start, please contact me. Let’s find a way for you to learn and grow in your knowledge and skills by contributing to the great work of elder law that we are all a part of.

Submitted by: Mary Ebb.

DECEMBER EVENTS

Upcoming CLE: How to Have a More Dementia-Friendly Law Practice CLE – Practical Tips and Advice

December 13, 11:30 am to 1 pm, MSBA Minneapolis, Glacial Lakes Room. Participation by webcast available.

Register here: [How to Have a More Dementia-Friendly Law Practice](#)

ELDER LAW NEWS

Supreme Court Considers Whether Prisoner with Dementia and No Memory of His Crime Should be Executed

“Last November, the U.S. Supreme Court summarily rejected the appeal of an Alabama death row prisoner...[who is] suffering the diseases and infirmities of old age.”

BY Mark Walsh, October 2018 ABA Journal

Read full article: [Supreme Court Considers Whether Prisoners with Dementia Should Be Executed](#)

Review Brief: [SCOTUSblog Coverage of *Madison v. Alabama*](#)

Submitted by: Laura Orr.

Please submit news articles of interest to mardell@mardellpreslerlaw.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.

PRO BONO COMMITTEE:

The Pro Bono Committee meets on the third Friday of every other month at 3 pm at Estate and Elder Law Services, 1900 Central Ave. NE, Ste. 106, Conference Room, Minneapolis. Parking is available behind the building and along adjacent streets. Attendees should enter through the

Estate and Elder Law Services door on Central Avenue by ringing the doorbell. Our next meeting will be:

January 18, 2019 at 3 p.m.

Questions may be directed to Jennifer Wright at jlinderwright@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 e-newsletter editor, web editor, 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. Upcoming meetings for the Communications Committee are as follows:

January 9, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

March 13, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

May 8th, 2019 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:

Meetings will be held via teleconference on the second Tuesday of every month from 9:30-10:15 am. The next meeting will be:

December 11, 2018 at 9:30.

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 by telephone 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 Jack Austin at 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:

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.

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.

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 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.

VULNERABLE ADULT COMMITTEE:

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

GOVERNING COUNCIL:

Upcoming meeting dates:

- Friday, December 21, 2018 at 3:30 pm @ Monroe Village Community Room**
- Friday, February 15, 2019 at 3:30 pm @ Monroe Village Community Room**
- Friday, April 26, 2019 at 3:30 pm @ Monroe Village Community Room**
- Friday, June 21, 2019 at 3:30 pm @ Monroe Village Community Room (The Governing Council meeting will take place immediately following the Section Annual Meeting at 3:30 PM)**

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 Mardell Presler at mardell@mardellpreslerlaw.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@statebar.gen.mn.us. Current and prior E-Newsletters are posted on the website for the MSBA Elder Law Section and are available [HERE](#).