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E-NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS

2019 Minnesota Elder Law Institute

October 10 - October 11, 8:55 AM - 4:30 PM, Minnesota CLE Conference Center, Minneapolis.

The Institute features new law and developments as well as helpful and practical sessions on a variety of topics and processes you need to know to practice elder law in Minnesota.

Register here: [2019 Minnesota Elder Law Institute](#).

OCTOBER CLE

A Year-end Accounting Countdown for Lawyers

Tuesday, October 29, 2019 from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM. REMOTE PARTICIPATION ONLY.

Getting an early start on your year-end accounting close makes the process significantly easier, and not rushing to get it done last minute yields more accurate results, too. There are several annual accounting chores you can tackle right now to get them off your plate. This webinar will give you a checklist that makes it easy to get ahead of the game with your year-end accounting.

Click here to register: <https://www.mnbar.org/members/cle-events/event?EventID=3328>.

How To Boost Collections With Credit Cards - and Not Get In Trouble

Wednesday, October 30, 2019 from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM. REMOTE PARTICIPATION ONLY.

Want to know the secret to boosting revenues and making invoicing and collections so much easier? Accept credit cards. However, the payments business is a tricky business, and the rates advertised are often misleading. Plus, if you're thinking about passing credit card fees on to your

clients, you have ethics, state laws, AND Visa and MasterCard rules to contend with. In this CLE, you'll learn the do's and don'ts of payment processing and how to boost your collections.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand how credit cards and payment automation can increase collections and reduce billing stress.
- Learn about credit card rates and how to determine if you're paying what you thought you agreed to.
- Discover the legal ethics pitfalls, as well as state laws and card network rules when it comes to accepting credit cards and passing on fees.

Presenter: Larry Port, CEO, Rocket Matter.

Larry Port has worked with thousands of law firms worldwide since 2008 when he started the first cloud-based legal practice management software company, Rocket Matter. His experience running a technology company and insight into law firm operations led to his co-authoring of the #1 bestselling ABA book *The Lean Law Firm*.

In Larry's role as founder and CEO of Rocket Matter, he has become a speaker and award-winning writer at the crossroads of the legal profession, cutting edge technology, and law firm marketing. Larry speaks to an international audience on technology, productivity, cybersecurity, and the business of law. He was recognized by Fastcase as one of the 50 top innovators in the field of law. He is also the author of *The Law Firm of Tomorrow* and *Legal Productivity*. Larry also writes extensively for legal publications, including the ABA's *Legal Management*, *Law Technology News*, *Law Practice Today*, *ILTA's Peer to Peer*, *FindLaw*, *Chicago Lawyer*, and *Legal Productivity*. He frequently discusses design and efficiency and quality techniques that lawyers can leverage.

Prior to founding Rocket Matter, Larry built software applications for finance industry, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), and the human resources industry. Larry is a graduate of Northwestern University, where he received his Bachelor of Science in Radio, Television & Film and New York University, where he completed his Masters of Computer Science from the Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences.

Click here to register: <https://www.mnbar.org/members/cle-events/event?EventID=3465>.

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.

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:

October 9th, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

December 11th, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

February 12th, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

April 8th, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

June 10th, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

August 12th, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

The meeting location is Julian's Office at 1360 Energy Park Drive, Saint Paul, MN 55108 in the First Floor Conference Room.

Anyone interested in serving on the committee or suggesting ideas for the newsletter or website may contact Communications Committee chair Mardell Presler to mardell@mardellpreslerlaw.com or 763-360-7833.

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 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.

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 (MA) Committee meetings will be at 3:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of even-numbered months. The next meetings will be:

October 15th at 3:30 p.m.

December 17th at 3:30 p.m.

February 18th at 3:30 p.m.

April 21st at 3:30 p.m.

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 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@mnbars.org 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.

PRO BONO COMMITTEE:

The Pro Bono Committee, due to lack of attendance, is suspending committee meetings until further notice. Please contact Jennifer Wright, Chair, at jlinderwright@gmail.com, if you have an interest in working with the Pro Bono Committee.

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.

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@mnbars.org.

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