



ADVISING AND ADVOCATING FOR YOUR ELDER PRACTICE CLIENTS: EMERGING ISSUES TO ADDRESS

Friday, March 24, 2017
 WSBA Conference Center
 1325 Fourth Ave, Suite 600
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 (live webcast option)



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\$275 Standard Tuition
 \$250 Elder Law Section Member Tuition
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SCHEDULE

8:00 a.m. Check-in, Registration, Coffee and Pastry Service

8:25 a.m. Welcome and Introductions

Suzanne Thompson Winger – Campbell Thompson Winger PLLC, Sumner

8:30 a.m. Civil Legal Needs of Your Elder Law Clients

This session will cover current statistics on the civil needs of low income older adults and provide useful practice tips for working with that population. Catherine Brown of KCBA will also include ways in which attorneys can better serve that community.

Jay Doran – Legal Foundation of Washington, Seattle
Catherine M Brown – King County Bar Association, Seattle

9:15 a.m. Medicaid Transformation Project - New Long-term Services and Supports (LTSS) Initiatives

The approval of the Medicaid Transformation Project under the authority of Section 1115 of the Social Security Act paves the way for the Aging and Long-term Supports Administration to add two exciting new programs to the array of LTSS benefits available to the residents of Washington State: Medicaid Alternative Care (MAC) and Tailored Supports for Older Adults (TSOA). MAC creates a new option for individuals who are eligible for Medicaid but not currently accessing Medicaid-funded LTSS and will provide services to unpaid caregivers designed to assist them in getting the necessary support. TSOA creates a new eligibility category and benefit package for individuals “at risk” of future Medicaid LTSS use who currently do not meet Medicaid financial eligibility criteria and is designed to help individuals avoid or delay impoverishment and the need for Medicaid-funded services. This session will cover these programs in more detail and discuss how they can directly help your clients.

Lori Rolley – DSHS, Aging and Long Term Support Administration

Will Reeves – DSHS, Aging and Long Term Support Administration

Catharine Kinnaman – DSHS, Aging and Long Term Support Administration

10:00 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. The Changing Landscape of Health Reform: How Seniors in Washington State May Be Affected

The new administration and Congress are moving toward repealing major portions of the Affordable Care Act (“Obamacare”), transforming Medicaid from an entitlement to a block grant or similar program, and making many changes through regulation. This session will discuss how these changes could affect Medicaid, Medicare, and health care access for older adults in Washington State, including for long term care, and the efforts to resist these changes.

Ann Vining – Northwest Health Law Advocates, Seattle
Janet Varon – Northwest Health Law Advocates, Seattle

11:00 a.m. Anatomy of a Legal Aid Case

This session will cover how to assess your client’s needs beyond your scope of representation, and determine resource availability in your legal aid community.

Lorna Randall – NW Justice Project, Wenatchee

11:45 a.m. Q&A Panel

12:00 p.m. Lunch (Lunch is included with tuition and will be served in the Mountain Rooms)



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SCHEDULE CONT.

1:00 p.m. Hot Topics in Olympia: 2017 Legislative Update

This session will cover the bills introduced and passed in Olympia so far in 2017.

Megan Farr – Farr Law Group PLLC, Enumclaw

1:30 p.m. Mental Health Issues in Capacity and Judgment

For older adults, many different mental health issues have direct impact on capacity as well as judgment and everyday functioning. This session will provide an overview of the various types of mental health disorders and their prevalence, with an eye toward the particular way these present in older adults. A more detailed view of three key disorders --depression, dementia, and delirium -- will provide an understanding of the differences and commonalities which create challenges for diagnosis as well as treatment. The various types of mental health issues and symptoms will be discussed in terms of their influence on perceptions, beliefs, judgment, and decision making. Participants will gain an awareness of red flags pointing to a need for further exploration before reaching conclusions about a client's capacity.

Karin Taifour – Aging Care Consultation Services, Seattle

2:15 p.m. Break

2:30 p.m. Neuropsychological Perspectives on Decisional Capacity

A review of higher cognitive abilities underlying decision making, how they are measured, and how these abilities are impacted by normal aging, developmental delays, head injuries, dementia, and other neuropsychiatric disorders.

Dr. Stephen S. Meharg – Longview, WA

3:30 p.m. The Ethics of Capacity: What Does RPC 1.14 Allow and Require?

The fastest growing age group in the US is those age 85 and over, and half of those over age 85 are likely to have dementia. Learn how you can effectively identify and safely serve clients who may have diminished capacity from dementia or other causes.

Christina Davitt – Ogden Murphy Wallace PLLC, Wenatchee

4:30 p.m. Q&A Panel

4:45 p.m. Adjourn

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