NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

Committee on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities and the Elder Law Section

Thursday, January 24, 2013
9:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Hilton New York
Lincoln Suite, 4th Floor

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Under New York's MCLE rule, this program has been approved for 3.0 credit hours in the area of Professional Practice. This program will not qualify for credit for newly admitted attorneys because it is not a basic practical skills program.

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"Caring and Planning for an Aging Person with Disabilities"

This program will deal with persons with disabilities as they reach older age, and the unique legal needs and issues faced by them as well as their families. Topics will include: what are appropriate services as a person with disabilities ages and how to accesses them; what benefits are available to seniors and how can a person with disabilities access them; what to do when both elderly parents and their aging children with disabilities need help; systems for protection from harm for the elderly and persons with disabilities, and future planning and surrogate decision making for both medical and financial matters. This program is intended for attorneys and non-attorneys, and will be useful for anyone working with persons with disabilities, elderly persons or both.

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9:15 – 9:20 a.m. **Welcome and Introductions**

9:20 – 10:10 a.m. **Services for the aging person with developmental disabilities and the aging person with mental health issues or the dually diagnosed**

Suanne Chiacchiaro, Esq., Genoveffa Flagello, Esq., Lisa K. Friedman, Esq.

A. Seniors with mental illness and developmental disabilities at home
B. Care and treatment for institutionalized seniors with developmental disabilities - group homes to nursing homes.
C. Accessing services and benefits for the first time - crisis management and adult protective services
D. Issue of the aging elderly parent and elderly disabled adult children – the parents who have stayed alive to care for their aged children with developmental disabilities of mental illness
E. Eligibility issues for OPWDD services and OMH services for seniors with mental illness and developmental disabilities

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10:10 – 11:00 a.m. **Medication Issues for the aging disabled individuals - Antipsychotics and other medications**

Gary Katzman, M.D., Richard J. Mollot, Esq., Carolyn R. Wolf, Esq.

A. Advantages, disadvantages of psychotropic medications, quantity, impact on access to services

B. Administration of psychotropic medications for the person with mental illness, developmentally disabled or the dually diagnoses at home or in the institution

C. Behavior management plans for individuals at home or in institutional settings -OPWDD behavior management regulations

D. Right to object and consent to medications

11:00 – 11:10 a.m. **Break**

11:10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **Proactive Life Planning - Be a planner!**
Adrienne Arkontaky, Esq., Joseph A. Greenman, Esq.

A. Surrogate decision making – Health care proxies, powers of attorney, Family Health Care Decisions Act and Guardianship

B. Financial planning

12:00 – 12:15 p.m. **Questions and Answers**

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For questions about this specific program, please contact Linda McMahon at 518-487-5686. **For registration questions only, please call 518-487-5621. Fax registration form to 518.463.5993.**

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