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TO: Members, Elder, Health and Trusts & Estates Law Sections

FROM: Michel P. Haggerty and Shari S.L. Hubner
Co-Chairs, Committee on Client and Consumer Issues

DATE: March 4, 2013

SUBJECT: Mitchell Rabbino National Healthcare Decisions Day 2013

For the past 18 years, the New York State Bar Association through the Elder Law Section has sponsored and promoted its Mitchell Rabbino National Healthcare Decisions Day to inform the public about advanced directives. We are writing to encourage section members to participate in one of the programs to be held **on or after *April 16, 2013.***

The Programs usually last between forty-five minutes and one hour. As a speaker, you will provide attendees with information on healthcare and financial decision making, guardianship issues, wills and probate. Specific issues include:

- The purposes of the power of attorney and health care proxy and how they differ.
- How to choose an agent for the power of attorney or health care proxy.
- The different kinds of powers of attorney and when they are effective.
- Why a will is important.
- What is probate.

Last year, there were almost 100 programs at community facilities, senior centers, libraries and hospitals. We hope to increase the number of programs this year and educate even more New Yorkers on these important issues.

If you are interested in speaking at a 2013 Mitchell Rabbino National Healthcare Decisions Day Program, please complete the Attorneys Needed form which can be found at www.nysba.org/mrnhdd and e-mail, fax or mail it to Kathy Plog at the New York State Bar Association **no later than March 18, 2013. We strongly encourage speakers to arrange their own program at a location of their choice. We will also need speakers for other programs as well.** Upon confirmation, we will send you a sample script and copies of the program materials. Materials for the attendees will be sent directly to the site unless otherwise requested.

Should you need any additional information, please call or email Kathy Plog at 518/487-5681 or kplog@nysba.org.

I hope you will agree to speak at a National Healthcare Decisions Day 2013 Program and take this opportunity to help educate the public on these important issues.

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