



# NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

One Elk Street, Albany, New York 12207 • PH 518.463.3200 • [www.nysba.org](http://www.nysba.org)

## ELDER LAW AND SPECIAL NEEDS SECTION

### 2016-2017 Executive Committee

#### DAVID GOLDFARB

Chair

212-387-8400, [goldfarb@seniorlaw.com](mailto:goldfarb@seniorlaw.com)

#### MARTIN HERSH

Chair-Elect

845-292-9345, [elder.law@verizon.net](mailto:elder.law@verizon.net)

#### JUDITH D. GRIMALDI

Vice-Chair

718-238-6960, [jgrimaldi@glylawn.com](mailto:jgrimaldi@glylawn.com)

#### TARA ANNE PLEAT

Secretary

518-881-1621, [TPleat@WPLawNY.com](mailto:TPleat@WPLawNY.com)

#### MATTHEW NOLFO

Treasurer

212-286-9499, [mnolfo@estateandelderlaw.net](mailto:mnolfo@estateandelderlaw.net)

#### MARTIN S. FINN

Financial Officer

518-869-6227, [marty@lavelleandfinn.com](mailto:marty@lavelleandfinn.com)

#### JULIEANN CALARESO

Immediate Past Chair

518-452-1961, [jcalareso@burkecesserly.com](mailto:jcalareso@burkecesserly.com)

#### JUDICIAL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES:

##### Elizabeth Valentin - 1<sup>st</sup> District

914-684-2100, [evalentin@littmankrooks.com](mailto:evalentin@littmankrooks.com)

##### Fern J. Finkel - 2<sup>nd</sup> District

347-296-8200, [ffinkel@aol.com](mailto:ffinkel@aol.com)

##### Robert P. Mascali - 3<sup>rd</sup> District

877-766-5331, [robert.mascali@centersmail.com](mailto:robert.mascali@centersmail.com)

##### Judith H. Singer - 4<sup>th</sup> District

518-371-5977, [jhsinger@aol.com](mailto:jhsinger@aol.com)

##### Christopher R. Bray - 5<sup>th</sup> District

315-894-8330, [cbray@cnyelderlaw.com](mailto:cbray@cnyelderlaw.com)

##### Karen J. McMullen - 6<sup>th</sup> District

607-584-5740, [kmcullen@binghamtonlaw.com](mailto:kmcullen@binghamtonlaw.com)

##### Richard A. Marchese, Jr. - 7<sup>th</sup> District

585-987-2859, [rmarchese@woodsaviatt.com](mailto:rmarchese@woodsaviatt.com)

##### Laurie L. Menzies - 8<sup>th</sup> District

716-204-1055, [lmenzies@pbmlawyers.com](mailto:lmenzies@pbmlawyers.com)

##### Sara Meyers - 9<sup>th</sup> District

914-948-1500, [s.meyers@esslawfirm.com](mailto:s.meyers@esslawfirm.com)

##### Jeanette Grabie - 10<sup>th</sup> District

631-360-5600, [jeanette.grabie@gmail.com](mailto:jeanette.grabie@gmail.com)

##### David I. Kronenberg - 11<sup>th</sup> District

212-387-8400, [kronenberg@seniorlaw.com](mailto:kronenberg@seniorlaw.com)

##### Joy S. Solomon - 12<sup>th</sup> District

718-581-1272, [joy.solomon@hebrewhome.org](mailto:joy.solomon@hebrewhome.org)

##### Anthony J. Lamberti - 13<sup>th</sup> District

718-477-7700, [ajl@nyelderlaw.net](mailto:ajl@nyelderlaw.net)

#### FOUNDING CHAIR:

Mortimer J. Goodstein, 1991-1993

#### PAST CHAIRS:

Murriel S. Kessler, 1993-1994

Robert Abrams, 1994-1995

Robert M. Freedman, 1995-1996

Vincent J. Russo, 1996-1997

Walter T. Burke, 1997-1998

Kathryn Grant Madigan, 1998-1999

Michael E. O'Connor, 1999-2000

Bernard A. Krooks, 2000-2001

Louis W. Pierro, 2001-2002

Cora A. Alsante, 2002-2003

Joan L. Robert, 2003-2004

Howard S. Krooks, 2004-2005

Daniel G. Fish, 2005-2006

Ellen G. Makofsky, 2006-2007

Ami S. Longstreet, 2007-2008

Timothy E. Casserly, 2008-2009

Michael J. Amoroso, 2009-2010

Sharon Kovacs Gruer, 2010-2011

T. David Stapleton, Jr., 2011-2012

Anthony J. Enea, 2012-2013

Frances M. Pantaleo, 2013-2014

Richard A. Weinblatt, 2014-2015

TO: Members, Elder Law & Special Needs Section

FROM: Melinda Bellus, Chair, Committee on Client and Consumer Issues

DATE: March 2017

SUBJECT: Mitchell Rabbino National Healthcare Decisions Day 2017

**It always seems too early, until it's too late.**

For the past 22 years, the New York State Bar Association through the Elder Law and Special Needs 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, 2017**.

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 about 70 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 2017 Mitchell Rabbino National Healthcare Decisions Day Program, please complete the Attorneys Needed form which can be found at [www.nysba.org/2017mrnhdd](http://www.nysba.org/2017mrnhdd) and e-mail ([kplog@nysba.org](mailto:kplog@nysba.org)), fax (518-487-5681) or mail it to Kathy Plog at the New York State Bar Association ASAP (address above). **We strongly encourage speakers to arrange their own Program at a location of their choice. We will need speakers for other Program sites 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](mailto:kplog@nysba.org).

We hope you will agree to speak at a National Healthcare Decisions Day 2017 Program and take this opportunity to help educate the public on these important issues.