

VULNERABLE ADULT COMMITTEE MEETING - OCTOBER 29, 2009

Recap by Suzy Scheller

The MSBA Elder Law Section's Vulnerable Adult Committee met today and discussed the following:

1. New member, Tim Stone, communicated his interest in conducting seminars on financial exploitation. He is a former law enforcement officer with a finance background who is now an attorney. He has conducted seminars in Mankato, southern Minnesota, and other areas talking about POA, joint accounts, sweepstakes and charity pitfalls, etc. We told him that we thought that the committee would be a great fit given our interest in the topics of both POA and financial exploitation. Welcome Tim!
2. VA Committee Brochure. Suzy will continue to work on a draft and get to Joel for help editing. This brochure is a talking piece about our Committee and the various topics and seminars those on our team can provide. If anyone else is interested in helping – let me know.
3. Updating the Vulnerable Adult Brochure previously created by someone in the MSBA, at the request of someone in Anoka County via Vicki McIntyre, President of the Elder Law Section. We split out roles for editing this brochure. If you would like to edit any text, please let us know. Joel Smith will edit the information on reporting abuse as well as neglect. Tim Stone will edit the financial exploitation information. Joel Button will edit the formatting and final copy as well as be the “hounder” to get a draft by the next Elder Law Section Governing Council meeting on 12/18/09.
4. Anyone interested in being on the Elder Law Institute Planning Committee for next fall (2010) **should let me know of your interest now**, and I will forward the names on to Vicki McIntyre. I had previously mentioned to Vicki that some on our Committee had different ideas for seminars or topics as well as interest in speaking. She recommended that interested persons express a desire to join the Planning Committee.
5. Joel Smith suggested that one helpful seminar or presentation to Elder Law Attorneys would be to inform clients about their options when encountering an Arbitration Agreement in a nursing home or health care contract. Clients do not have to sign or otherwise accept the arbitration terms of the contract. Let me know if others are interested in this topic to see about adding it to our list of available seminars and/or transmitting the information by other means.