

# Memo

To: Jennifer Wright/Suzy Scheller, current chair and past chair of the Elder Law Section  
From: Laurie Hanson  
Date: June 16, 2011  
Re: Communications Committee

I was intending to attend the Elder Law Council meeting and the annual meeting on June 17, 2011, in order to discuss the communications committee and in particular the e-newsletter. Unfortunately, a friend of mine died and the funeral is set for 3:00 on Friday. Thus, I will be unable to attend. If one of you could read these comments, I would appreciate it. Thanks a lot...and Suzy if someone else wants to chair the committee...I don't want to hog it! Laurie

## My comments:

I want to first thank Marjory Austin for another stellar year of editing the newsletter. She is the main reason the newsletter continues to be so successful. I also want to thank the John and Laura of the law student committee for taking over the *link of the week* feature of the e-newsletter. The *link of the week* has turned out to be an incredible resource for members. I am hoping that in the next year, someone from our committee can help Elyse figure out how to categorize the links so that they are easily accessible to the section. I also want to thank the members of the Council who volunteered to work with Margie over the course of a month to ensure we had lead articles and of course members of the committee who regularly submit articles of interest and case updates and monitor the Department of Human Services and various federal and state registers – particularly Joel Smith, Andrea Palumbo, Peter Hendrix and Julian Zweber. Thanks also to Jennifer as chair, for supporting the e-newsletter and submitting an article most months!

I'd like to invite each of you to join the communications committee. We do not meet very often (perhaps twice during the year for a lunch meeting where we have pizza) so much of the work can be done from your desk or home computer. We need 12 people to volunteer to take one month of the year to coordinate articles so that the editor has content each week. Marjory is able to do such a great job because she has people regularly submitting articles to her and they are coming in on a timely basis.

I have been honored to chair this committee for the past three years and if anyone is interested in serving as chair please let me or Suzy know; otherwise I will do it for another year, if Suzy appoints me. If you are interested in joining the committee please sign the sheet being passed around and I will be in touch. Again, thanks to all of the committee members.