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WHAT'S NEW IN THE ELDER LAW SECTION?

Just a brief note today to remind everyone that the 19th Annual Elder Law Institute is coming up this Thursday and Friday at the Minnesota CLE Conference Center on the 3rd floor of the City Center in downtown Minneapolis. The institute, as always, features great speakers and topics, plus the bonus of two free publications for all registrants this year: the new Elder Care Guide and Jane Brody's Guide to the Great Beyond. Registration is already ahead of 2008, so - even in a recession - we look forward to a large crowd and valuable networking opportunities. Nine CLE credits have been approved for the Institute, including one ethics credit.

If you haven't registered for the Institute yet, it's still not too late. Registration is available through the brochure previously sent out to members, online at www.minncle.org/SeminarDetail.aspx?ID=104211001, or by calling Minnesota CLE at 651-227-8266 or 800-759-8840.

See you at the Institute!

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MINNESOTA STATUTES DATABASE UPDATED FOR 2009

The Minnesota Revisor of Statutes has announced that the official Minnesota Statutes database has been updated to include the 2009 Session Laws of general application. The database can be reached at the following link: <https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/>.

Submitted by Julian J. Zweber, Legislative Coordinator

ELDER LAW NEWS

Minnesota accuses companies of health insurance fraud
<http://www.finance-commerce.com/article.cfm/2009/10/01/Minnesota-accuses-companies-of-health-insurance-fraud>

Study shows Minnesota has a lot to lose if efforts at federal health care reform fail
http://www.twincities.com/politics/ci_13449943?nlick_check=1#

When Medicare is the piggy bank

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5h8m7h7wVpunfJcSvhsmsgm-lt10hwD9B0EHSG1>

State cuts partially to blame for health care tragedies

<http://www.tcdailyplanet.net/news/2009/09/23/state-cuts-partially-blame-health-care-tragedies#>

H1N1 flu vaccine on its way to Minnesota

<http://www.startribune.com/local/63126102.html?elr=KArksLckD8EQDUoaEyqyP4O:D>

Investigators: Nursing aide took \$10K from woman with memory problems An aide convinced a confused assisted living client to write her checks for \$10,000, investigators say.

<http://www.startribune.com/local/63122107.html?elr=KArksLckD8EQDUoaEyqyP4O:D>

Dementia toll climbs to 35 million worldwide Estimate of Alzheimer's, other ills, is 10 percent higher than predictions

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/32937442/ns/health-alzheimers_disease/

Could the Recession Be Good for Your Health?

http://news.yahoo.com/s/hsn/20090930/hl_hsn/couldtherecessionbegoodforyourhealth

MINNESOTA CASES

There are no Minnesota cases to report this week.

STATUTES, REGULATIONS, BULLETINS

DHS NEWSLETTER, SEPTEMBER 2009 EDITION: GRANTS WILL HELP DEVELOP SERVICES FOR OLDER MINNESOTANS, CAREGIVERS.

DHS has awarded \$2.4 million in grants to community organizations throughout the state to help aging Minnesotans live independently and remain in their own homes as long as possible. The grants provide seed money to develop services that improve chronic disease management, link formal and informal long-term care services and promote independence for seniors. More information about the grants is available at:

http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=dhs16_146264.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND CLE PROGRAMS

Client Incapacity and Special Needs Trusts

HCBA Live Replay

October 8, Noon

Contact Information: <https://www.hcba.org/Intus/Event3/event.asp> or 612.752.6600

Elder Law Institute

Minnesota CLE Conference

October 8-9, 2009

Contact Information: <http://www.minncle.org/SeminarList.aspx> or 1 800-759-8840.

Estate Planning in Uncertain Times (including Medical Assistance)

Minnesota CLE Live Presentation

October 19, 2009

Contact Information: <http://www.minncle.org/SeminarList.aspx> or 1 800-759-8840.

ELDER LAW SECTION ACTIVITIES

GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING: The next meeting of the Elder Law Section Governing Council will be at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, October 9, 2009, at the conclusion of the Elder Law Institute, at the Minnesota CLE Conference Center, 3rd floor City Center, Minneapolis. All members are welcome to attend. To participate by phone, please contact Vicki McIntyre at vmcintyre2@yahoo.com or 612-722-8572.

MA COMMITTEE MEETING: The next MA Committee meeting will be at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 2009, at the MAO Offices, 2021 E. Hennepin, Suite 200, Minneapolis. Topics for the meeting may be submitted to MA Committee Chair, Cathryn Reher, at creher@mnelderlaw.com, or faxed to 952-542-9201. For directions, or to attend by phone, please contact Tracie Fenske with Long, Reher & Hanson, P.A. at 952-929-0622.

VULNERABLE ADULT COMMITTEE MEETING: The next meeting of the Vulnerable Adult Committee will be Thursday, October 29, at Noon, at the offices of Pearson, Randall, Schumacher & LaBore, P.A., 100 S. 5th Street, Suite 1025, Minneapolis, 612.767.7500. Contact co-chairs Ken LaBore at klabore@prslegal.com or Joel Smith at joel@koslaw.com for more information.

GREATER MINNESOTA COMMITTEE: Please contact Bonita Kallestad at 1-320-235-9600 or bkallestad@westernlegal.org with issues you would like the Greater Minnesota Committee to address. Also contact Bonita if you would like to serve on the Greater Minnesota Committee.

DON'T FORGET THAT THE ELDER LAW WEBSITE IS A GREAT RESOURCE.

Here's what you can find on the Website: Links to the DHS Health Care Programs Manual, the DHS Bulletin on treatment of uncompensated transfers, the Minnesota Bankers Association Compliance Bulletin on Powers of Attorney, legislative summary; Practice Links to organizations such as NAELA, ABA Commission on Law and Aging, Links to Federal and State

Government Agencies, Statutes, and Regulations; Meeting Notices, Listings of Officers and Council Members, Section Bylaws, and more.

To access the ELDER LAW SECTION WEBSITE

Click here: <http://www2.mnbar.org/sections/elder-law/index.asp>

Please send E-Newsletter contributions by noon on Saturday of each week to Suzy Scheller at sscheller@prslegal.com.

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