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Elder Law Forum 2013

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AT&T Building – Nashville, TN

Program Description: This day-long program, sponsored by the Elder Law Section of the Tennessee Bar Association, covers the most up-to-date information concerning laws, regulations and guidelines affecting seniors who reside in Tennessee.

Some of the highlights include:

- * VA Training
- * Choices Acuity Scoring
- * Spend Down Techniques
- * Special Needs Trust
- * Practice Management
- * Conservatorship Legislation

Program Producer: Mark Addison, *Chambliss, Bahner & Stophel, P.C.*

Agenda

Total Credits: 5 General, 1 Dual

8:00 – 8:20 a.m.	Registration/Welcome
8:30 – 9:30 a.m.	VA Training – Accreditation <i>Overview of VA accreditation requirements and responsibilities for attorneys. Introduction to claims procedures and basic eligibility for benefits.</i> Barbara Boone McGinnis , <i>Elder Law Practice of Timothy L. Takacs</i>
9:30 – 10:45 a.m.	CHOICES – Understanding Tennessee’s Nursing Facility Level of Care & Acuity Scale <i>The presenter will provide a brief overview of the CHOICES Program Groups 1,2, & 3 and discuss the Nursing Facility Level of Care standards and how the Acuity Scale Tool is applied.</i> Lisa Pullem , <i>East Tennessee Area Agency on Aging and Disability</i>
10:45 – 11:00 a.m.	BREAK

- 11:00 – 12:00 p.m. **Spend Down Techniques**
A panel discussion of Medicaid spend-down strategy
Amelia Crotwell, Elder Law of East Tennessee
Bryson Eubanks, Elder Law Practice of
Timothy L. Takacs
Harold Parker, Law Offices of Harold H. Parker
- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. **(Lunch on your own)**
TBA Elder Law Section Meeting
- 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. **Special Needs Trust**
We will discuss the current issues in special needs trust.
Mark Addison, Chambliss, Bahner & Stophel, P.C.
Amelia Crotwell, Elder Law of East Tennessee
Mary Catherine Kelly, Attorney at Law
Tim Takacs, Elder Law Practice of Timothy L. Takacs
- 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. **I Want You: To Clean Up Your Mess** **(1 Dual)**
In 1992 the American Bar Association issued a Formal Opinion entitled "Disposition of Deceased Sole Practitioners' Client Files and Property," which addressed the need for a lawyer to have a plan in place, which would protect the client's interests in the event of the lawyer's death. Elder law attorneys devote their practices to helping clients and their families plan for their mortality. Now is the time for attorneys to plan for their own mortality. Not to do so is almost certain to create a mess. This session will be presented as a workshop for attendees to think about their own plan. Tools will be provided to help attendees "clean up their mess."
Tim Takacs, Elder Law Practice of Timothy L. Takacs
- 3:00 – 3:15 p.m. **BREAK** (Sponsored by: TBD)
- 3:15 – 4:00 p.m. **New Developments in Conservatorships**
The presenter will discuss a new law, Tennessee Public Acts Chapter No. 435 (2013), which provides for substantial changes to Tennessee's conservatorship statutes. The presenter will explain how this new law came to be, and the specific ways it may affect your conservatorship practice. The new law became effective July 1, 2013.
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