Elder Law Forum 2014 - Intermediate
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AT&T Building – Nashville, TN

Program Description: This half-day forum offers insights for both the "new to elder law" attorney and a refresher for practitioners. On Day One, certified elder law attorneys from across the state share their knowledge of basics needed for counseling senior clients with a focus on Medicare coverage and options, and hot topics in Medicare. Day One also includes a thorough overview of TennCare CHOICES eligibility, rules for financial qualification, and commonly used spend-down strategies.

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Agenda Total Credits: 3.5 General

11:30 – 12:00 p.m.	**Registration/Welcome**
12:00 – 12:30 p.m.	**The Elder Care Continuum** *A "big picture" introduction to the challenges and options faced by elders or persons with disabilities as functional and cognitive abilities diminish.* **Tim Takacs**, *Elder Law Practice of Timothy L. Takacs*
12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	**Paying for Health Care and Acute Long-Term Care** *Learn the basics of ACA and Medicare to counsel clients. An overview of ACA offerings for persons under 65; Medicare A, B & D or C; LTC benefits under traditional versus Part C; open enrollments; changing from Part C to traditional and the pitfalls; what are the copays and costs of Medicare; the aftermath of the Jimmo decision; observation and assessment versus admission; and other hot topics.* **Barbara McGinnis,** *Elder Law Practice of Timothy L. Takacs*

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.	**Financial Eligibility for CHOICES, Part 1** *Learn the basics rules for financial qualification for single versus married applicants. Learn which assets are exempt and which are countable, when to fund a Miller Trust, how to calculate the patient liability, and using Item D Deductions.* **Deborah Brooks,** *The Law Office of Deborah K. Brooks*
2:30 – 2:45 p.m.	**BREAK**
2:45 – 3:45 p.m.	**Financial Eligibility for CHOICES, Part 2** *Gain an understanding of asset preservation techniques and strategies for single and married applicants. Topics include gift and cure, promissory notes, caregiver agreements, annuities, and pooled trusts, etc.* **Tim Takacs**, *Elder Law Practice of Timothy L. Takacs*