Elder Law – Fall

ORIGINAL PROGRAM DATE
September 24, 2025

Presented in partnership with the WSBA Elder Law Section

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DESCRIPTION

Given the growing population of older adults, this is a crucial program for practitioners. This program is full of updates and strategies to help you better serve your clients, all of which you can put into practice right away.

AGENDA

1 **Please Don't, But Since You Already Did...**
How to address situations put into motion by clients that create legal issues and consequences they did not anticipate, including committed intimate relationships and commingling of assets between parents and adult children.
Megan S. Farr – Farr Law Group, PLLC, Enumclaw, WA
Gregory J. Sklar – Farr Law Group, PLLC, Enumclaw, WA

2 **The Attorney as Witness: Navigating Estate Plans in Litigation**
What happens when an estate plan ends up on trial? This presentation gives estate planners an inside look at how their work is challenged in litigation and how they themselves may be drawn in as witnesses. From the litigator's perspective, we will review common flashpoints in will and trust contests, highlight drafting and documentation practices that can strengthen a plan against attack, and discuss the ethical and practical realities attorneys face when defending their own planning decisions in court.
Kristen Fisher – Stokes Lawrence, P.S. Seattle, WA

3 **Medicaid for Long-Term Care: Strategies for Preserving the Home**
When a client needs benefits to help pay for long-term care, they often need help to understand when it is (and is not) possible to preserve their home. This program will review the resource counting and Estate Recovery rules for Washington long-term care Medicaid beneficiaries and describe the most common ways to defer or avoid a Medicaid lien on the home. Participants will also learn about common planning mistakes that can result in penalties, denials, and lost opportunities. This presentation is geared to both general estate planning practitioners and also those directly advising elder law clients who may need to apply for Medicaid benefits for care now or in the future.
Angela Macey-Cushman – Macey-Cushman & Reilly, PLLC, Edmonds, WA

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4 From Burnout to Balance: Regaining Control of Your Practice

Are you committed to your work but find yourself running out of fuel? These may be the early warning signs of burnout. Efficiency doesn't run on burnout but balance. This presentation will assist you in recognizing the warning signs of burnout and offer tools to combat its presenting difficulties.

Adely Ruiz – Washington State Bar Association, Seattle, WA

5 CCRC Agreements

There are many types of continuing care retirement community (CCRC) contracts. This panel will discuss different types of these contracts, some key considerations, and explain which type to use and when.

Nicole Amico Kane – Aging Wisdom®, Seattle, WA
Katie L. Marrs – Brothers Henderson Durkin, P.S., Seattle, WA

6 Elder Law Alphabet Soup

Understand the differences among court visitors, PGALs, LGALs, special representatives, and other appointments.

Suzanne Thompson Wininger - CTW Law Firm, Sumner, WA