

Webinar Series on Legal Issues and Alzheimer's Disease

This webinar series is co-hosted by the Administration on Aging and the American Bar Association. The four sessions cover legal issues of people with Alzheimer's disease (AD) and their caregivers. Persons with AD are vulnerable to financial exploitation, physical or emotional abuse, and. As outlined in the National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease, the webinars will help ensure that people with AD have their dignity, safety, and rights maintained.

The agendas & speakers are as follows:

Webinar #1:

For Legal Professionals

Working with People with Dementia and Assessing Client Capacity

November 14, 2012

Agenda:

- Identify dementia capable legal services
- Understand the essentials of care planning
- Learn about counseling clients with dementia
- Become knowledgeable about capacity assessment basics
- Receive strategies for referrals for further assessment
- Become aware of best practices for attorneys

Presenters:

- Erica Wood, Esq., Commission on Law and Aging, American Bar Association
- Jane Tilly, DrPH, Office of Supportive and Caregiver Services, Administration for Community Living/Administration on Aging

Webinar #2:

For Legal Professionals

Advance Care Planning with People with Dementia

December 4, 2012

Agenda:

- Understand the characteristics of a dementia capable legal professional
- Advise clients on the importance of advance planning and available planning tools for health care and finances
- Provide keys to reviewing existing advance planning
- Understand and mitigate risk of abuse, neglect and exploitation
- Draft accountability into advance planning documents

Presenters:

- Charlie Sabatino, Esq., Director, American Bar Association Commission on Law and Aging

- David Godfrey, Esq., Senior Staff Attorney, American Bar Association Commission on Law and Aging

Webinar #3:

For Aging Professionals ***Critical Legal Issues in Alzheimer's***

December 12, 2012

Agenda:

- Understand the characteristics of a dementia capable legal professional
- When to seek legal assistance
- Legal issue spotting
- Resources
- Finding legal help

Presenters:

- David Godfrey, Esq., Senior Staff Attorney, American Bar Association Commission on Law and Aging
- Troy Johnson, MSW, Director of Programs and Services, Nursing Home Ombudsman Agency of the Bluegrass
- Jane Tilly, DrPH, Office of Supportive and Caregiver Services, Administration for Community Living/Administration on Aging

Webinar #4:

For Legal Professionals ***Elder abuse, neglect and exploitation and clients with dementia***

January 24, 2013

Agenda:

- Protecting persons with dementia
- Spotting and intervening in cases of abuse, neglect and exploitation of persons with dementia

Presenter:

- Lori Stiegel, Esq., Senior Attorney, ABA Commission on Law and Aging