

# 2014 Fall Elder Law & Disability Rights Conference

Mission Point Resort, Mackinac Island, MI • October 1-3, 2014

This year's keynote speaker will be **Lawrence Frolik**, professor of law at the University of Pittsburgh Law School. Frolik is regarded as a national expert on elder law issues and wrote *Advising the Elderly or Disabled Client, the Law of Later-Life Health Care, and Decision Making and Residence Options for Older and Disabled Clients*. There will also be a probate register panel, a panel to discuss elder abuse, a discussion on the new PACE program, as well as ELDRS' own experts.

- **REGISTER ONLINE AT** <http://e.michbar.org>
- **Hotel registration information is on the following pages, but hotel registration must be made DIRECTLY with the hotel, and cannot be made with the State Bar.**
- **On-site conference registrations are accepted.**
- **Scholarships available, see [www.michbar.org/elderlaw](http://www.michbar.org/elderlaw)**
- **Family members and friends are welcome on Mackinac Island.**
- **Recreational opportunities abound.**

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

**12:30-1:15 p.m.** LUNCH

**1:30 p.m.** THE FUTURE OF ELDER LAW

*Lawrence Frolik, University of Pittsburgh Law School, Pittsburgh, PA*

**2:45 – 3:15 p.m.** BREAK

**3:15 p.m.** A - MEDICAID WAIVER BASICS

*Patricia E. Kefalas Dudek, Patricia E. Kefalas Dudek & Associates, Farmington Hills*

**B - ELDER LAW ATTORNEYS & OPPORTUNITIES TO EMPOWER FAMILY CAREGIVERS**

Empowering family caregivers to avoid medical crises, including falls, medication errors, dehydration, and other common and potentially fatal conditions.

*Jeanne M. Hannah, lead author of Taking Charge: Good Medical Care for the Elderly and How to Get It, Traverse City*

**4:25 p.m.** A - DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE ACT

DOMA and the legal effects on same-sex couples in Michigan.

*Jane Bassett & Amanda Murray, Bassett & Associates PLLC, Ann Arbor*

**B - LEVEL OF CARE DETERMINATION: ISSUES AND IMPACTS**

*Alison Hirschel, Michigan Poverty Law Program, Lansing*

**5:30 p.m.** ADJOURN FOR THE DAY

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

**7:30 a.m.** BREAKFAST

**8:45 a.m.** A - MEDICAID AND MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

*Gerald A. Shiener, M.D., Birmingham*

**B - GUARDIANSHIP AND ADVANCE DIRECTIVES: WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF SELF-DETERMINATION?**

*Bradley Geller, Michigan Center for Law & Aging, Ann Arbor, and Roxanne J. Chang, Plymouth*

**9:50 – 10:10 a.m.** BREAK

- 10:15 a.m.**     **A - PROBATE REGISTERS' PANEL: OVERVIEW OF ISSUES THAT IMPACT THE LOCAL PROBATE COURT**  
*Susan Flakne, Probate Register, Kent Co.; Michael McClory, Probate Register, Wayne Co.; and Geraldine Glenn, Probate Register, Mackinac Co.*
- B - UNDUE INFLUENCE**  
*Lawrence Frolik, University of Pittsburgh Law School, Pittsburgh, PA*
- 11:15 - 11:25 a.m.**     **BREAK**
- 11:30 a.m.**     **A - PACE PROGRAM – ( PROGRAM FOR ALL-INCLUSIVE CARE FOR ELDERLY)**  
*Sarah Vollink, PACE Program of Kalamazoo*
- B - DIGITAL ASSETS**  
*Howard Collens, Galloway and Collens PLLC, Huntington Woods*
- 12:40 p.m.**     **LUNCH**
- 1:30 p.m.**     **A - ELDER ABUSE PANEL**  
*Cynthia G. Farrell, Michigan Dept. of Human Services, Lansing; Ronald F. Tatro, Elder Law of Michigan, Lansing; Hon. Joseph A. Costello (Ret.), Monroe; and Chris Misuraca, Macomb County Prosecutor's Office, Mt. Clemens*
- B - LONG-TERM CASE ISSUES AND OPTIONS**  
*Brenda Roberts, MA, Director of Quality Assurance and Education, MALA*
- 2:30 - 2:40 p.m.**     **BREAK**
- 2:40 p.m.**     **A - FUNCTIONAL FREEDOM IN DEMENTIA – ELIMINATING THE BARRIERS**  
*Connie Lambert, Ph.D., PT CCM, Columbus, Ohio*
- B - MEDICAID BASICS**  
*Angela Swanberg, Steward & Sheridan PLC, Ishpeming, and James Steward, Steward & Sheridan PLC, Ishpeming*
- 3:45 - 4:15 p.m.**     **BREAK**
- 4:15 p.m.**     **MEDICAID UN-PROGRAM: FAST-PACED, INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION ON HOT TOPICS FOR ELDER ATTORNEYS, ADVOCATES, AND OMBUDSMEN**  
*Douglas Chalgian, Chalgian & Tripp PLLC, East Lansing; Amy Tripp, Chalgian & Tripp PLLC, Jackson; David Shultz, Chalgian & Tripp PLLC, East Lansing; Thomas Trainer, Kemp Klein Law Firm, Troy*
- 5:15 p.m.**     **ADJOURN FOR THE DAY**



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## **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3**

**7:30 a.m. BREAKFAST/ELDRS ANNUAL MEETING**

**8:45 a.m. A - LEGISLATIVE REVIEW**

*Senator Jim Ananich (D) and Representative Frank Foster (R)*

**B – THE INSIDE TRACK ON ELDER LAW LITIGATION ISSUES**

Review of possible ELDRS litigation issues.

*Sanford Mall, Mall, Malisow & Cooney PC, Farmington Hills*

**9:45-10:00 a.m. BREAK**

**10:00 a.m. A - SSI AND SPECIAL NEEDS TRUSTS DISTRIBUTIONS - NOW WHAT ARE THEY TRYING TO PREVENT?**

*Thomas V. Trainer, Kemp Klein Law Firm, Troy, and Brian R. Jenney, Kemp Klein Law Firm, Troy*

**B - AFFORDABLE CARE ACT AND ITS IMPACT ON SPECIAL NEEDS PLANNING**

An overview of the ACA and navigation tools for advocates for families with special needs.

*Michele Fuller, Michigan Law Center PLLC, Sterling Heights*

**10:50-11:00 a.m. BREAK**

**11:00 a.m. A - IS IT ALZHEIMER'S OR DEMENTIA? AN OVERVIEW OF THE MANY CAUSES OF DEMENTIA**

*Jo Campbell, MA, Adjunct Lecturer, Dept. of Health Sciences and Gerontology, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti*

**B - VA HEALTH CARE ISSUES: BRINGING VA CARE CLOSER TO HOME**

*Brad Nelson, Oscar J. Johnson VAMC, Iron Mountain, and James Rice, Oscar J. Johnson VAMC, Iron Mountain*

**12:00 p.m. ADJOURN SEMINAR (Lunch on own)**



STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN ELDER LAW AND DISABILITY RIGHTS SECTION  
**2014 Fall Elder Law & Disability Rights Conference Registration**  
 Mission Point Resort, Mackinac Island, MI • October 1-3, 2014

**PLEASE MARK THE CONFERENCE SESSIONS YOU EXPECT TO ATTEND.** *Note: Session topics and times may be subject to change.*

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1**

- 12:30 P.M.     LUNCH
- 1:30 P.M.     THE FUTURE OF ELDER LAW
- 3:15 P.M.     A - Medicaid Waiver Basics
- B - Elder Law Attorneys & Opportunities to Empower Family Caregivers
- 4:25 P.M.     A - Defense of Marriage Act
- B - Level of Care Determination: Issues and Impacts

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2**

- 7:30 A.M.     BREAKFAST
- 8:35 A.M.     A – Medicaid and Mental Health Issues
- B - Guardianship and Advance Directives
- 10:15 A.M.    A - Probate Registers' Panel
- B - Undue Influence
- 11:30 A.M.    A - PACE program – (Program for All-inclusive Care for Elderly)
- B – Digital Assets
- 12:40 P.M.    LUNCH
- 1:30 P.M.     A - Elder Abuse Panel
- B - Long Term Care Issues and Options
- 2:40 P.M.     A – Functional Freedom in Dementia – Eliminating the Barriers
- B - Medicaid Basics
- 4:15 P.M.     MEDICAID UN-PROGRAM

**REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE ONE OF THREE WAYS**

**Online:** visit <http://e.michbar.org> to register

**Mail** your check, or debit/credit card information, and completed registration form to:

State Bar of Michigan, Attn: Seminar Registration  
 Michael Franck Building, 306 Townsend Street, Lansing, MI 48933

**Fax** (ONLY if paying by debit/credit card) the completed form and credit card information to: Attn: Seminar Registration at (517) 372-5921

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS**

Hotel reservations can not be made with this form. Please see the following form or go to <http://www.missionpoint.com/accommodations/>. Mention that you are with either ELDRS for the \$119/night rate plus taxes and fees.

**FERRY INFORMATION**

Use the promo code "sbm" for online purchases to get the discount with Star Line ferry, <http://www.mackinacferry.com/>

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Beth A. Swagman at [beth.swagman@comcast.net](mailto:beth.swagman@comcast.net) OR (616) 323-3443.

**CANCELLATION POLICY**

All cancellations must be received before September 1, and registration refunds are subject to a \$20 cancellation fee. Cancellations must be received in writing by e-mail ([tbellinger@mail.michbar.org](mailto:tbellinger@mail.michbar.org)), fax (517-372-5921 ATTN: Tina Bellinger), or by U.S. mail (306 Townsend St., Lansing, MI 48933 ATTN: Tina Bellinger). No refunds will be made for requests received after that time. Refunds will be issued in the same form payment was made. Please allow two weeks for processing. Registrants who cancel will not receive seminar materials.

**Friday, October 3**

- 7:30 A.M.     BREAKFAST/ELDRS Annual Meeting
- 8:45 A.M.     A - Legislative Review
- B - The Inside Track on Elder Law Litigation Issues
- 10:00 A.M.    A - SSI and Special Needs Trusts Distributions - now what are they trying to prevent?
- B - Affordable Care Act and its Impact on Special Needs Planning
- 11:00 A.M.    A – Is it Alzheimer's or Dementia?
- B - VA Health Care Issues

**IF YOU HAVE SPECIAL DIETARY CONSIDERATIONS, PLEASE**

**INDICATE:**    VEGETARIAN    VEGAN    GLUTEN FREE

**MATERIALS for the Fall 2014 Conference will be available online 7 days before the conference or at the conference in a binder.**

**Please check off which you prefer:**

Online    Binder   (CHOICE OF ONE OR THE OTHER ONLY)

Cost BEFORE September 1	Cost AFTER September 1
<input type="checkbox"/> Section member ..... \$200	<input type="checkbox"/> Section member ..... \$225
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-section member ... \$230	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-section member ... \$250
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-lawyer; student .... \$125	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-lawyer; student .... \$150
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Registration closes September 19, 2014	

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**Welcomes**  
**State Bar of Michigan, Elder Law Section**  
**Tuesday - Friday, September 30-October 3, 2014**

**Garden Queen Rooms** – One queen bed in the main lodge \$119.00 single or double occupancy

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*Room rates do not include 6% sales tax, 2% local assessment, 10% resort levy.*

*Certificate of Exemption must be provided at check in to be exempt from 6% sales tax.*

*A charge of \$6.00 per person will apply for luggage transfer from ferry dock to resort and back.*

- Reservations can only be made by calling group reservations at (800)833-7711.
- Guest room types are subject to availability.
- All reservations must be made by **30 DAYS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL**. Reservations requests received after the cut-off date will be based on availability at the Hotel's prevailing rates
- An advanced deposit of one night's room and tax charge is required to confirm your reservation. Mission Point Resort accepts Visa, Mastercard, American Express & Discover.
- A fee of \$25.00 per adult per night will be charged for additional occupancy in all room types. A fee of \$20.00 will be charged for roll away beds.
- In case of cancellation, reservations must be canceled in writing at least 14 days prior to arrival to receive full refund.

### **FERRY SERVICE TO THE ISLAND**

As a carrier for Mission Point Resort, **Starline Ferry Company** ferry service will offer the guests of **the State Bar of Michigan** a discounted price per round trip ticket for adults & children. Complimentary parking or valet parking are available. Please visit the Starline Ferry website for ferry schedule & plan your travel itinerary accordingly. [www.mackinacferry.com](http://www.mackinacferry.com)

### **HORSE DRAWN SHUTTLE SERVICE**

With every ferry that pulls in the harbor, there is a shuttle available to take guests to Mission Point Resort, cash only.

### **EXPLANATION OF TRANSPORTING PERSONAL & CONFERENCE ITEMS**

- Upon arrival to the ferry dock, all vehicles & guests will be greeted by a dock porter
- The dock porter will ask each individual "where will you be staying?"
- Dock Porters will unload all luggage & business items and tag them with a Mission Point Resort tag
- All luggage & business items will be loaded onto a cart
- The guest will receive luggage claim tickets for all items
- Upon arrival to the island, the cart with luggage & business items will be taken to the resort by horse drawn carriage
- Guests will have the option to walk to the resort or take a horse drawn shuttle service. The distance is approximately ½ mile
- Upon arrival to the resort, the front desk agent will ask for your luggage claim tickets
- All luggage & business items will be delivered by our bellman to your hotel room
- Upon departure, bellman will come to the sleeping room, tag items to say "Ferry Company, Mackinaw City"
- Items will be held in a secure holding area on the mainland until they are claimed with the ticket