

## **October 7th General Motors Corporate Counsel Help Older Adults with Wills**

In honor of pro bono month, attorneys at General Motors' Legal Staff will team with the Detroit Metropolitan Bar and the Legal Hotline for Michigan Seniors to conduct a Will Clinic to draft wills for clients of the Legal Hotline for Michigan Seniors. "Our attorneys enjoy working with older adults and helping them get a will. It brings tremendous peace of mind and is a great service to families and the probate courts to have documents in place to ensure that someone's wishes are followed after they have passed," said Steve Cernak, GM Attorney and head of its pro bono program. "We deeply appreciate the willingness of General Motors' attorneys to take these cases. It is so important for older adults to get their affairs in order and to plan for the future. It is amazing at how many questions arise when completing a will. It gives older adults time to resolve other related issues and make arrangements for spouses and dependent disabled children," said Kate White, Executive Director of Elder Law of Michigan, the non-profit organization that operates the Legal Hotline. "We don't have the resources to offer this service on our own, and are very grateful to the Detroit Metropolitan Bar for organizing the event and for General Motors for providing the person power to make it happen," said White. "It is a great example of ways a corporate legal department can get involved and help out their community," said Dennis Donahue, Access to Justice Coordinator for the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association. Attorneys or corporations interested in doing pro bono work can contact Mr. Donahue at [ddonahue@detroitlawyer.org](mailto:ddonahue@detroitlawyer.org) or (313) 961-6120 to learn about opportunities to get involved and make a difference. This event is at 1:00 p.m. in the Penobscot Bldg., 645 Griswold St # 1300 Detroit, MI 48226-4120. on the 13th floor. All appointments are filled.