



Elder Law Forum 2015
July 17, 2015
AT&T Building – Nashville, TN

Program Description: This full-day forum offers insights for both the “new to elder law” attorney and experienced practitioners. Certified elder law attorneys from across the state share their knowledge of basics needed for counseling senior clients with a focus on a hospice doctor’s perspective on Dementia, palliative care and advance directives and the Conversation Project, PAE Appeals, Planning for blended families, Medicare coverage, and hot topics in Medicaid.

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Agenda

- 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. **Registration/Welcome**
- 8:30 – 9:45 a.m. **Palliative Care, Dementia and the Conversation Project**
*This segment will look at the evolving role of palliative care in the larger health care system. Special focus on the role of advance care planning and it's impact on patient care as well as innovative efforts in Knoxville around the Institute for Health Care Improvement's **Conversation Ready** Project.*
Dr. Gregory Phelps, M.D., University of Tennessee Hospice
- 9:45 – 10:00 a.m. **BREAK**
- 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. **New Rules, Safety Determinations and PAE Appeals**
An overview of recently enacted rules for Safety Determinations: when and how to request one; a status on PAE issues and appeals.
Julie Johnson, State of Tennessee – Health Care Finance and Administration
- 11:00 – 11:45 a.m.
(.75 Ethics) **Planning for Blended Families**
Blended families can mean more potential conflicts of interest for you and almost certainly involve potential (or actual) conflicts among the kids. This session will focus on Medicaid

and estate planning for the unique needs of couples with blended families while avoiding conflicts of interest. We'll also discuss what options may be available when the blended family does not (yet) include a married couple: use of premarital agreements and implications for same sex couples.

Brooke Givens, Tennessee Elder Law, LLC

11:45 – 1:00 p.m.

(Lunch on your own)

TBA Elder Law Section Meeting

1:00 – 2:45 p.m.
(1.75 Ethics)

Appealing Arbitrating Decisions Coming Out of TennCare

Michael Gilroy, Gaines & Associates PLLC

2:45 – 3:00 p.m.

BREAK

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Medicare Basics, Medicare and You

An overview of Medicare basics, benefits and appeals for both traditional and Advantage plans; discussion of Medicare Savings Plans.

Richard Fung, Summit Strategic Solutions

****Total Credits: 3.25 General, 2.5 Dual****