Virtual 2020 National Aging and Law Conference

Vision 2020

$100 List Price
$75 for ABA Members, Non-Profit, Government, Legal Aid and Academic

October 22 - 23, 2020

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Welcome to the Virtual 2020 National Aging and Law Conference

When we started the planning process late in 2019 and settled on the theme of Vision 2020, a play on the words 20/20 vision, we had no idea how far blurry the vision would be. 2020 has been a year of changes, challenges and new opportunities.

The vision of a traditional agenda morphed into a virtual conference. In the process of the transition from in-person to virtual, we rethought every part of the agenda to make it relevant to the events that shape your work in 2020.

The agenda is ten-hours of live online CLE programs in five two-hour blocks. The first session will focus on law and aging in 2020, the second explores ethical challenges, and we finish out the first day with the impact of trauma and secondary trauma on lawyers. The second day will start with the Lightning Round Plenary. Lance Robertson, Assistant Secretary for Aging, will offer opening remarks, followed by short presentations by up to 18 presenters.

The last CLE session will cover the challenges of Medicare, Medicaid and Long-Term care in 2020. The agenda also has two one-hour blocks of virtual networking. Many people find that one of the most valuable aspects of attending a conference is talking with other practitioners, exhibitors and holding small group meetings. This dedicated networking time will provide two one-hour blocks when you can drop in for a chat.

We continue to add networking options. If you are interested in hosting a networking event, email me @David. Godfrey@americanbar.org. I tried to arrange the scheduled so that attendees from the west coast and east coast can fit this into their day.

The budget started with a blank slate, and with the goal of trying to make the program incredibly affordable. Realizing that this is a challenging year for many people, the price for most attendees is $75 for the entire 10-hour program.

I apologize to all of the wonderful speakers who submitted proposals that ended up on the cutting room floor. Special thanks to the Borchard Foundation Center on Law and Aging and the AARP foundation for standing with us through the conversion to a virtual conference. I thank ABA Meetings and Travel and the Hilton for working out the hotel contract issues.

The decision to move to virtual was difficult. A lot people told me they were uncomfortable traveling this year. The bottom line was not what might be possible by October, but what would be the wise thing to do. I didn’t want to invite people into crowded session rooms in the middle of a possible second waive.

I urge you to block the two days on your calendar, as though you were attending an out of town conference. We will endeavor to keep the sessions engaging. You will have a couple of hours at the beginning or end of the day for other work (depending on where you are in the country.) Save your travel budget, we look forward to seeing you in person in the future.

Take care, stay well, stay safe.

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**ACL/OEJAPS Office Hours on Legal Assistance**

*Hosted by the Administration for Community Living Office of Elder Justice and Adult Protective Services*

(4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.)

...more sessions will be added as details become available...
COVID-19 has forced legal services providers, courts, and the public to utilize technological tools to address legal problems faced by older adults. We examine gerontological research, court programs, self-help resources, remote services models, and legal services efforts to better understand past best practices and future visions of using these tools.

Mary Jane Ciccarello, Sarah Galvância, Fay Gordon, Catheryn Koss, Stacey Marz

Representing Clients with Diminished Capacity

This session will address ethical issues in representing clients with diminished capacity. Panelists will review ethics, LSC, and court rules and constitutional, agency, and contract law. Speakers will then offer strategies and policies for overcoming barriers to representing individuals with limited capacity who might otherwise be denied access to justice.

Emily Miller, Alison Hirschel, Nina Kohn, Nicole Shannon and Charlie Sabatino

The Impact of Secondary Trauma on Lawyers

Trauma experienced by clients can affect attorneys with symptoms that can impact their ability to work. This session will explore trauma, trauma-informed lawyering and secondary trauma and its effects on legal services attorneys. This session will also explore ways to mitigate secondary trauma and create a supportive workplace.

Vivianne Mbaku, Lorilei Williams
Friday October 23rd

10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Lightening Round Plenary:

Covering issues from Elder Abuse, Scams, Frauds, Tax Credits, to diversity and HIV, the Lightning Round plenary brings together dynamic presenters to brief the audience on important and emerging legal issues.

Moderated by David Godfrey

Introduction by Lance Robertson

1. Fighting Scams That Steal Retirement Savings - Kathleen Daffan
2. Legal Services Role in Tackling HIV in Older Adults - Erin Hantman Weiss
3. Vision 2020 – Diverse Communities and Dementia - Rennee Chenault-Fattah
4. Elder Fraud Prevention and Response Networks - Jenefer Duane
5. What Legal Aid Lawyers Need to Know About Refundable Tax Credits - Barbara Jones
6. Protecting Medicaid Retroactive Coverage - Natalie Kean
7. Not Another Report: MI’s Elder Abuse Task Force - Nicole Shannon
8. Pension and Retirement in a Flash – Emily Spreiser
9. ABA Sections and Division Features - TBA
10. Unforeseen Consequences: Benefits and Minimum Wage - Benjamin Rubin
11. Money Smart for Older Adults - Jenefer Duane

Update from ABA Governmental Affairs - David Eppstein

12:45 PM to 3:00 PM

Virtual Networking Sessions - see next page

3:15 PM to 5:15 PM

Medicare & Medicaid Updates and Pandemic Response

This session will provide information on the latest in Medicare and Medicaid, from a practical and policy perspective. The session will explore 2020 policy changes, an analysis of temporary and potentially permanent changes made in response to COVID-19, and what to expect in 2021 after the election.

Kata Kertesz, David Lipschutz, Toby Edelman, Gelila Selassie
Virtual Networking Sessions

Friday October 23rd

Additional groups will be added, if you are interested in hosting a networking session, contact: David.Godfrey@Americanbar.org

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Two Easy Ways to Register

1. Visit NALC2020 to register online.
2. Call 800-285-2221 and refer to conference number CE2010ALC.

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