

RECENT SPEECHES, CONFERENCES, PUBLISHED WORKS & PROFESSIONAL HONORS  
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SPEECHES

April 27, 2010 – “Selected Aspects of Elder Law” for Illiana Alzheimers Conference  
UIUC Department of Family Medicine

December 3, 2009 – Program Moderator for the IICLE Elder Law Short Course, Lisle, IL

November 10, 2009 – “Caregiving for Mom and Dad: a Legal and Financial Guide” to the Itasca Bank and Trust Women’s Initiative program

November 6, 2009 – “Issues Facing the Elderly and Questions Planners Should Ask” as part of the Distinguished Speaker Series for the Illinois Chapter of the Financial Planners Association, Des Plaines, IL

October 15, 2009 – “Mental Competency from the Attorney’s Perspective” to social workers at Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove

September 24, 2009 – “Legal Considerations” for the Multi-Disciplinary Certificate Program in Geriatrics for Non-Physicians in Chicago, for the Continuing Education Institute of Illinois

September 21, 2009 – “Top Ten Documents” to the Lake Shore Men’s Club, Chicago, IL

August 26, 2009 – “Medicaid and Elder Law” to the Elmhurst Rotary Club

June 23, 2009 – “Legal Implications of Health Care Powers of Attorney” for Continuing Education Credit to health care professionals at ManorCare Arden Courts in Elk Grove Village, IL

May 20, 2009 – “Will the Nursing Home Take it All?” to the Suburban Bar Association Estate Planning Committee, Rolling Meadows, IL

May 18, 2009 – “Advising your Clients about Long-Term Care and Medicaid Without Committing Malpractice” for the Elder Law Committee of the Chicago Bar Association

May 14-15, 2009 – “Can the Nursing Home Really Take it All?” for the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education (IICLE) in Urbana, IL

April 27-28, 2009 – “Can the Nursing Home Really Take it All?” for IICLE in Chicago, IL

March 24 and 26, 2009 – “Top Ten Documents Needed for Disability Management” for social workers and nurses at Adventist Hospitals in LaGrange and Hinsdale, IL

February 26, 2009 – “Legal and Regulatory Requirements of Public Benefits” for the University of Illinois College of Medicine's Multidisciplinary Certificate Program in Case and Care Management at UIC-Chicago

January 21, 2009 – “Practical Aspects of Health Care Powers of Attorney” for St. Francis Hospital, Evanston, IL

January 7, 2009 – “Financing Long Term Care” for Leonard & Company, Elmwood Park, IL

December 18, 2008 – “Top Ten Documents” for monthly meeting of Social Workers in Aging and Long-Term Care, Oak Park, IL

December 7-8, 2008 – Program Moderator for the “Elder Law Short Course” for the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education, Northbrook, IL

December 1, 2008 – “Careers in Elder Law” guest lecturer for Elder Law at the John Marshall Law School, Chicago, IL

November 19, 2008 – “Top Ten Documents” DuPage Convalescence Center, Wheaton, IL

October 21, 2008 – “OBRA Trusts” for the Health Law Committee of the DuPage County Bar Association

October 15, 2008 – “Long-Term Care Planning” for the Illinois Chapter of the Financial Planning Association, Orland Park, IL

September 30, 2008 – “The Top 10 Documents Everybody Should Have in Case of Death and Disability” for Arden Courts, Glen Ellyn, IL

May 29, 2008 – “Ethics and Powers of Attorney” for in-service presentation for Social Workers at Adventist Hinsdale Hospital, Hinsdale, IL

May 27, 2008 – “Ethics and Powers of Attorney” for in-service presentation for Social Workers at Adventist La Grange Hospital, La Grange, IL

May 7, 2008 – “Ethics and Powers of Attorney” for in-service presentation for Social Workers at Good Samaritan Hospital, Downers Grove, IL

May 6, 2008 – “How Powers of Attorney Work in the Real World” for the University of Chicago School of Social Work, Chicago, IL

April 29, 2008 – “Nursing Homes” for the Chicago Bar Association's CAN-TV cable access program, Chicago, IL

March 18, 2008 – “Medicaid Planning” for the Greater North Shore Estate & Financial Planning Council, Highland Park, IL.

- March 6 (Springfield) and 13 (Chicago), 2008 – “Overview of Structured Settlements“ for the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education’s Special Needs Trust Seminar
- March 5, 2008 – "Elder Law" for Multi-Disciplinary Program in Dementia Assessment, Care, and Case Management, Elgin, IL
- March 4, 2008 – “The Top 10 Documents Everybody Should Have in Case of Death and Disability” for the Aurora Women in Business luncheon, Aurora, IL
- February 27, 2008 – “Elder Law and Public Benefits Planning" for the Illinois Department of Aging training session for elder abuse caseworkers, Lisle, IL
- February 21, 2008 – “What is Elder Law" for presentation to clients of the Skryd Group, Inc., Lombard, IL
- October 25, 2007 – "Elder Abuse" for the Illinois CPA Society Long-Term Healthcare Conference, Chicago, IL
- October 3, 2007 – "Elder Law" for Multi-Disciplinary Program in Dementia Assessment, Care, and Case Management, Naperville, IL
- June 27, 2007 – Moderator for National Teleconference call, "Coaching for the Elder Law Attorney" for the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys
- June 21, 2007 – "Caring For a Loved One with Dementia: The Use of Guardianships, Trusts, Powers of Attorney and Advance Directives” for Arden Courts, Glen Ellyn, IL
- May 11, 2007 – “Elder Law” for Multi-Disciplinary Program in Long-Term Care Administration and Management, Oak Brook, IL
- May 5, 2007 – "Tax Planning for the Elderly" for the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys Spring Symposium in Cleveland, OH
- April 26, 2007 – "Elder Law" for Multi-Disciplinary Program in Geriatrics for Non-Physicians, Oak Brook, IL
- April 20, 2007 – "Practical Issues in Administering Healthcare Powers of Attorney" for the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education 50th Annual Estate Planning Short Course in Chicago, IL
- April 13, 2007 – "Medicaid Update" for the DuPage County Bar Association, Estate Planning Committee Spring Seminar in Wheaton, IL
- March 23, 2007 - "Elder Law" for Multi-Disciplinary Program in Geriatrics for Non-Physicians, Lombard, IL
- January 25, 2007 - "Elder Care" for the Illinois CPA Society, Fox River Chapter - Lake Zurich, Illinois

December 1, 2006 - "Tax Issues in Paying for Long-Term Care" at IICLE's 2006 Elder Law Short Course - Oak Brook, IL

November 16, 2006 - "Probate Practice: Hot Topics – Medicaid Planning" at the Chicago Bar Association - Chicago, IL

November 15, 2006 - "Elder Care Issues" to the O'Hare Chapter of the Illinois CPA Society - Schaumburg, IL

November 14, 2006 - "Aging with Your Ducks in a Row" sponsored by Senior Care Resources at National-Louis University Center for Positive Aging - Lisle, IL

October 19-20, 2006 – "Paying Others: Tax and Employment Issues Related to Hiring Care in a Residential Setting" at the Stetson University College of Law - Special Needs Trust Conference in Clearwater, FL

September 27, 2006 - "Elder Law" three hour class for the Certificate Program in Geriatrics for Non-Physicians presented in conjunction with the University of Illinois College of Medicine – Oak Lawn, IL

September 20, 2006 - "Paying Others" at Stetson University's Special Needs Trust Conference - Tampa, FL

August 15, 2006 - "Asset Management and Advanced Directives" at the Elgin Area MS Society – Elgin, IL

July 7, 2006 - "Estate Planning and Avian Trusts" at the Northern Illinois Parrot Society – Des Plaines, IL

June 22, 2006 - "Advanced Directives" at Rush Oak Park Hospital's Age Wise Program - Oak Park, IL

June 14, 2006 - "Top Ten Legal & Financial Documents" at the Women's Initiative at Itasca Bank and Trust - Itasca, IL

June 2 and 7, 2006 - "A Day on Elder Law" Moderator for IICLE's three hour session on the Deficit Reduction Act – Chicago and Springfield, IL

May 13, 2006 - "Elder Law: Medicaid Asset Preservation and Advanced Directives" at the American Pre-Paid Legal Association - Chicago, IL

May 10, 2006 - "Seniors and the Law" at Autumn Green at Midway Village - Chicago, IL

May 2, 2006 - "HIPAA and Advanced Directives" at DuPage County Estate Planning Council – Oak Brook, IL

April 21 and May 18, 2006 - "Medicaid Planning" at IICLE's 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Estate Planning Short Course - Chicago, IL and Urbana, IL

March 27, 2006 - "Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 and Changes to Medicaid" at Chicago Bar Association Elder Law Committee - Chicago, IL

March 21, 2006 - "Capacity to Sign Advanced Directives: Legal and Psychological Factors" at Arden Courts Alzheimer's Assisted Living - Glen Ellyn, IL

February 22, 2006 - "Elder Care in Illinois: Legal and Financial Issues" at National Business Institute - Naperville, IL

February 9, 2006 - "Medicaid Planning Under the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005" at the Illinois Chapter Meeting of the NAELA - Chicago, IL

January 27, 2006 - "Estate Planning and Avian Trusts" at TASC Chicago - Downers Grove, IL

January 18, 2006 - "Planning for Elder Care and Public Benefits" at the Financial Planning Association (South Chapter) Meeting - Chicago, IL

November 4, 2005 - "Making Sense of Advanced Healthcare Directives, Living Wills, and HIPAA" at the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education (IICLE) 2005 Elder Law Update - Oak Brook, IL

November 2, 2005 - "Medicare and Medicaid's Impact on Long-Term Care" at Oak Park Rush Hospital - Oak Park, IL

September 28, 2005 - "Elder Care Issues Taxation to Legal" at the Edward Jones 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicago/NW Indiana CPE Conference - Oak Brook, IL

September 22, 2005 - "Medicaid Planning" at the PFG Estate Planning Boot Camp - Bloomingdale, IL

August 24, 2005 - "Advanced Directives" at The Montclair Senior Residences - Chicago, IL

June 14, 2005 - "Advanced Directives" at the Greencastle of Elmhurst - Elmhurst, IL

June 1, 2005 - "Using Advanced Directives" at Rush Oak Park Hospital - Oak Park, IL

May 10, 2005 - "Elder Care Issues in Estate Planning" to the Illinois CPA Society's 2005 Estate & Gift Tax Conference - Chicago, IL

March 5, 2005 - A Q&A session "Coffee Klatch" on the legal and financial issues connected with taking care of aging parents; sponsored by Kallman & Associates Financial Planners - Oak Brook, IL

February 28, 2005 - "How to Protect a Senior's Assets" and "Preserving Family Assets when Qualifying for Medicaid" at the *Elder Care in Illinois: Legal and Financial Issues Seminar* presented by the National Business Institute - Oak Brook, IL

## CONFERENCES

March 31- April 5, 2009 – National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA) Annual Meeting and Institute, Washington DC

January 23-25, 2009 – NAELA UnProgram, Dallas, TX (Chairperson)

A meeting of the finest minds in elder law in the country, having open & unstructured discussions about helping families and creating practices to serve those needs.

December 8-9, 2008 – Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education (IICLE) Elder Law Short Course, Chicago, IL

October 23-26, 2008 – NAELA Annual Meeting and Institute, Kansas City, MO

September 25-26, 2008 – Notre Dame Tax and Estate Planning Institute, South Bend, IN

May 14, 2008 – IICLE Estate Planning Short Course, Chicago, IL

January 24-27, 2008 – NAELA UnProgram, Dallas, TX

November 2-4, 2007 – NAELA Annual Meeting and Institute, Memphis, TN

October 11-12, 2007 – Notre Dame Tax and Estate Planning Institute, South Bend, IN

October 2007 - Stetson University College of Law - “Special Needs Trust Conference” in Clearwater, FL

April 19-20, 2007 – IICLE Estate Planning Short Course

January 18-21, 2007 – NAELA UnProgram, Dallas, TX

November 2-5, 2006 – NAELA “Advanced Elder Law Institute” - Salt Lake City, UT

October 19-20, 2006 – Stetson University College of Law Special Needs Trusts VIII Conference in Clearwater, FL

October 5-6, 2006 - Notre Dame Tax and Estate Planning Institute - South Bend, IN

June 7, 2006 – IICLE, “A Day in Elder Law” - Chicago, IL

April 20-21, 2006 – Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education “49th Annual Estate Planning Short Course” in Chicago, IL

January 20-22, 2006 – NAELA 2006 UnProgram - Dallas, TX

December 8-11, 2005 – NAELA 2005 Institute - Tucson, AZ

## CONFERENCES, CONTINUED

October 20-21, 2005 – Stetson University College of Law - “Special Needs Trusts VII Conference” - Clearwater Beach, FL

September 15-16, 2005 – Notre Dame Tax and Estate Planning Institute - South Bend, IN

May 17-22, 2005 - NAELA Annual Conference - San Francisco, CA

April 28 and 29, 2005 – IICLE’s “48th Annual Estate Planning Short Course” - Chicago, IL

January 2005 - NAELA "UnProgram" - Houston, TX

November 2004 - Joint Conference between NAELA, the National College of Probate Judges, and the National Guardianship Association; focusing on helping clients and their families with issues created by dementia-related diseases - Colorado Springs, CO

May 20-23, 2004 – NAELA “Planning for and Servings Persons with Disabilities” in Hilton Head, SC



## PUBLISHED WORK

“Special Needs Issues in Personal Injury and Wrongful Death Awards or Settlements” – Chapter in the IICLE Press Special Needs Trusts 2008 Practice Handbook

“Tax Planning for the Elderly” – Chapter in the IICLE Press 2008 Edition of Advising Elderly Clients and Their Families

“The High Cost of Caring” – interviewed for a story on family caregivers and how to pay for care in the *Chicago Tribune*, November 22, 2006

An on-going Elder Law column in "The Elmhurst Independent," a weekly community newspaper. Recent article topics include:

- *Why do I need to have a will?*
- *Why NOT to transfer the home before you need nursing home care*
- *What happens when you do not have Advanced Medical Directives*
- *The Ethics of Medicaid Planning*
- *Protecting the Home from Long Term Care Costs*
- *Advanced Directives and Catching Dementia Early*
- *No Dignity in Disorder*

Chapter Entitled, "Tax Planning for the Elderly" for the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education's 2006 Practice Handbook on Advising Elderly Clients and Their Families

“Medicare Part D Enrollments Start November 15” - Elmhurst Independent, October 4, 2006

“New Medicaid Rules Mean More Planning Now,” column in the Elmhurst Independent, June 2006

“Feds Bite U.S. Seniors: Innocent Seniors Take Medicaid Hit,” DuPage County Bar Journal, April 2006

"Tax Planning for the Elderly" in the 2005 Edition of *Advising Elderly Clients* published by the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education (IICLE)

Co-author of an article on how to pay for long-term care published in the Winter 2004 edition of the "Senior Voice," a publication sponsored by the DuPage Senior Citizens Council

“Employment Taxes in Home Health Care Contracts” for Marquette University’s *Elder’s Advisor – The Journal of Elder Law and Post-Retirement Planning*, spring 2005



# PROFESSIONAL HONORS

## AWARDS

Illinois "Super Lawyer" Distinction in Elder Law 2007, 2009

## MEMBERSHIPS

Member of the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States of America, April 2009  
Member of the American Association of Attorney-Certified Public Accountants, February 2009  
Member of the Bar of the United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois, 2003  
Member of the Bar of the State of Illinois, 1994  
College of DuPage Paralegal Program Advisory Council, 2007-2009  
American Association of Attorney-Certified Public Accountants, 2008-2009  
Board of Directors, Bensenville Home Society, "Lifelink" 2008-2009  
Board of Directors, Ray Graham Association for People with Disabilities, 2006-2009  
National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, 2003-2009  
    Fall 2007 Institute Planning Committee  
    Telephonic Education Committee, 2006-2007  
    Illinois Chapter Treasurer, 2007-2009  
    Chair, 2009 Unprogram  
Oak Park Township Senior Services Committee, 2006-2007  
DuPage County Senior Services Commission Health Committee 2004-2005  
DuPage County Estate Planning Council Member, 2007-2009  
DuPage County Bar Association 2003-2009  
    Estate Planning Committee, 2003-2009  
    Real Estate Law Committee, 2003-2005  
Chicago Bar Association 1995-2005  
    Employee Benefits Law Committee, 1995-2002, Chairman 1999-2000  
    Elder Law Committee, 2003-2005  
    Trust and Estates Committee, 2003-2005  
Board Member, American Society of Pension Professionals and Actuaries, Benefits Council of Chicago, 1999-2002  
Park District of Oak Park Infrastructure Committee, 2000-2001  
  
Certified Public Accountant, May 1991

