



Elder Law Notes

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PLEASE READ!

NEXT ALABAMA STATE BAR ELDER LAW SECTION MEETING

We will meet on **Friday, May 4, 2007, at 11:00 am to 3:00 pm** at the Heritage Club in Downtown Huntsville.

Directions are on page 3.

CLE topic:

**Where Are We Now . . . on
Medicaid for Institutional
Skilled Care in Alabama . . .
Since the DRA?**

Presented by our members
**Connie Glass,
Lynn Campisi, and
Clayton Davis**



Lunch will be provided at no cost for members. We need an estimated attendance number. Thus, **PLEASE REGISTER** for this meeting. Just send your name to our Chairperson, Jennifer Q. Griffin.

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Alabama Receives Grant to Develop Model Approaches to Legal Services

The Alabama Department of Senior Services (ADSS) has received a grant from the U.S. Administration on Aging to develop a model approach to create a statewide low-cost legal system for seniors.

The Older Americans Act is one of the top funding sources for senior legal assistance for those in social and economic need. Title III B funding under the Act provides support to legal service providers throughout Alabama who work to ensure that older Alabamians in greatest need of help receive legal assistance, advice and representation. These providers help to address critical threats to independence (such as the loss of one's home through predatory lending and consumer scams) and protect and enhance essential benefits such as food stamps, supplemental security income and other public benefits that promote safety, health and independence.

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Renew Your Membership!

You should have received the 2008 Alabama State Bar Section Application and Invoice for fiscal year July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Please pay your \$25 dues to:
Alabama State Bar
Attn: Sections c/o Rita Gray
P. O. Box 671
Montgomery, AL 36101-0671

Grant (Con't)

The grant is designed to assist Alabama with increasing the number of seniors who receive statewide legal assistance. The goals are to enable more, older persons to receive elder rights information and assistance via phone, website, through training, shared information and partnerships.

A statewide Elder Law Helpline has already been established as a result of the grant. The Helpline, which is housed with Legal Services Alabama (LSA), is staffed by an attorney and paralegal. Brief legal advice and counseling can be provided by the Helpline as well as referrals to other Title III B legal service providers. Seniors can call the number 1-866-456-3959 to speak with legal professionals who can provide brief services and/or refer them to such partners as the Volunteer Lawyers Program, LSA or the Title III B legal service program.

The grant also provides for other projects, including the development of an Elder Rights guidebook for seniors and their families. Additionally, informational "Tips of the Month" on legal issues will be provided on both ADSS and LSA websites.

Members of the Elder Law Section are invited to submit items for consideration for the "Tip of the Month" as well as materials for the Elder Rights Guidebook.

For more information on the grant or opportunities available, contact:

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2007 Medicaid/Medicare Figures

Skilled Institution Income Limit - \$1,869
Spousal Resource Allowance- \$101,640
Transfer Penalty Amount- \$4,100
Spousal Income Limit - \$1,650 thru 6/30/07 then - \$1,711 beginning 7/1/07

SSI individual: \$643
SSI couple: \$954

QMB individual: \$871
QMB couple: \$1,161

SLMB individual: \$871.01 - \$1,041
SLMB couple: \$1,161.01 - \$1,389

QI-1 individual: \$1,041.01-\$1,169
Q1-1 couple: \$1,389.01-\$1,561

QDWI individual: \$1,722
QDWI couple: \$2,302

Note:

- 1) Medicare Part A premium \$410.00/month. Most people receive Medicare Part A without having to pay a premium
- 2) Medicare Part A deductible \$992.00 (days 1-60)
- 3) Medicare Part B premium \$93.50/month
- 4) Medicare Part B deductible \$131.00
- 5) QMB pays Medicare premium, coinsurance/copay and deductible
- 6) SLMB and QI-1 pay Medicare Part B premium
- 7) QMB, SLMB, and QI eligible persons are automatically eligible for a free Medicare drug card with no deductible and no coverage gap

**MEETING
AGENDA**

1) Appointing a Nomination Committee and Discussing the ASB Meeting

2) Election of officers for the 2007-2008 fiscal year
Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer

3) Election of additional Council Members (three needed)
One for a term of one year, one for a term of two years and one for a term of three years. The Council provides general supervision and control of the Section's affairs.

4) Comments by the following members, if present, and others:
Bill Fuller regarding legislation affecting the elderly
Kathleen Healey regarding obtaining recognition and publicity through the Elder Law Hotline and Tips of the Month ventures

5) CLE presentation

NOTE: You do not have to be present to nominate an officer or council member. Send your nomination to Jennifer, jgriffin@wealthprotectionlaw.com

3 CLE
hours
is being
requested

Interested
in being
an officer?



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From South of Huntsville Traveling I-65N (also for I-565/Airport)

Take I-65N towards Huntsville. Take exit 340 onto I-565E towards Huntsville. Take Exit 19C, which will be Jefferson Street/Downtown. Take a right off the exit and follow to downtown area on Jefferson Street. Immediately after the intersection of Jefferson and Holmes, take a left into The Heritage Club parking lot. You will see an entrance to The Heritage Club from the parking lot. This will not be the Washington Street entrance. Washington Street runs parallel to Jefferson Street.

From North of Huntsville traveling 231/431S

Take 231/431 South (Memorial Parkway) to Huntsville. Cross 565. Take the Clinton Avenue exit off the parkway. Take a right on to Clinton Avenue and head towards the downtown area. Take a left onto Washington Street. The green awning marking the entrance of the Club will be visible on the left. Turn left onto Holmes Avenue and another left onto Jefferson Street. The Club's parking lot will be on your immediate left. You will see another entrance to The Heritage Club from the parking lot.

From South of Huntsville traveling 231/431 N

Take 231/431 North (Memorial Parkway). Take the Clinton Avenue exit. Turn right on to Clinton Avenue and head towards the downtown area. At the corner of Clinton and Washington Street take a left. The green awning marking the entrance of the club will be visible on the left. Turn left onto Holmes and another left onto Jefferson. The Club's parking lot will be on your immediate left. You will see another entrance to The Heritage Club from the parking lot.



Washington Street Entrance