AGENDA

To: Guardianship and Elder Law Section Members
From: King County Bar Association
Re: Guardianship and Elder Law Section Meeting

Meeting Location:
KING COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
1200 FIFTH AVE SUITE 600
SEATTLE, WA
(LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM)

Meeting Date:
THURSDAY, December 16, 2010
12:00 NOON

Meeting Called By:
BETH MCDANIEL, CHAIR

Please bring your own lunch

12:00 P.M.
Section Business

• Announcements from the Chair, Beth McDaniel
• “Practice Tip” from Craig Coombs, Coombs Law Firm PLLC
• Icebreaker Questions: What will be memorable to you regarding the year 2010?

12:15 P.M.
Presentation (1 Ethics CLE Credit Pending #)

TOPIC: Ethics in King County Ex Parte Department

PRESENTER: Commissioner Eric B. Watness
The Commissioner’s discussion will center on ethical issues he frequently sees arise at the King County Ex Parte Department in Title 11 and related matters. The Commissioner will address relevant Rules of Professional Conduct and related Code of Judicial Conduct provisions (soon to become effective) governing the presentation of guardianship, probate, trust and vulnerable adult protection proceedings at the Ex Parte and Probate Department. Topics will include, but will not be limited to, the proper and improper presentation of matters without notice to other parties, dealing with clients with diminished capacity, insuring the formation of a proper client-lawyer relationship, making proper application and documentation of fees and costs, fulfilling the duty of timely and complete presentations to the court with candor to the tribunal and using CR 11 remedies properly. The Commissioner will also discuss the preparation and presentation of the case in court within the bounds of rules of advocacy. Finally, the Commissioner will also address dealing with third parties including confidentiality issues and the proper receipt of payment in the context of elder law cases.

1:15 PM.
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