

President's Message

We had a great turnout at our last meeting to hear Barbara Jagiello, and this month we are breaking with tradition a little by continuing the discussion of elder abuse. The problem is so critical to our clients and their families. How do we prevent the undermining of a client's wishes and plans by unscrupulous family members or influential outsiders? Emilie Calhoun is going to take a slightly different approach to the issue with a pragmatic approach to both the legal and informal measures, and when and how these approaches might be used. I think it will be a great opportunity to build on last month's presentation.

Our May meeting will begin with the election of officers and directors for 2011-2012. All active members are entitled to vote. The nominees are:

Bruce Coblentz: President
Paula Leibovitz Goodwin:
Vice President
Terry Allen: Secretary
Geoff Zimmerman: Treasurer
Howard Thomas, Membership
Tim Hyden, Director
Darrell Claridge, Director
Elisabeth Andreason, Director
Dana Levy, Director
Sarah Nix, Director
Valerie Neale, Chairperson

We look forward to seeing you all there and as always, we appreciate your support of the Council.

-Valerie Neale

“Practical and Legal Solutions to Elder Abuse”

Following up from last month's meeting, the issues of elder abuse and the strategies available to prevent elder financial abuse are critical to those working in the estate planning and trust administration field. What kind of legal proceedings are available to prevent undue influence, and what kinds of early prevention measures can be taken to prevent or stop emerging financial abuse?

This month we welcome **Emilie Calhoun**, to speak on the issue. Emilie runs a workshop on “Practical and Legal Solutions to Elder Abuse” in which she presents several complex (but not unusual) hypothetical situations and discusses options available to families and advisors.

Wednesday, May 18, 2011

*Lafayette Park Hotel
3287 Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Lafayette*

6:00 P.M. Wine and Registration

6:30 P.M. Dinner and Speaker

**Cost: \$40.00 dinner (preregister)
\$45.00 (at the door)**

*Reservations and cancellations must
be received by Monday,
May 16th at 1:30 p.m. to be assured of
a reservation.*

Please send your check today!

or

Pay with a credit card online

<http://www.123signup.com/calendar?Org=epcdv>

or

*call Bonni at:
925.686.4819*

Emilie is a graduate of UC Davis' King Hall, and has worked for over 15 years on trust and estate litigation disputes. She worked in the trust departments of Crosby Heafey Roach & May and also with Evans, Latham & Campisi before opening her own practice – *Fiduciary Law Attorney* - in 2008. Join us on May 18th!

June 15, 2011
Save the Date!

Our **June 15th** social is going to be at the **Lawrence Hall of Science**. This is a great place to visit and bring the kids. There will be several exhibits, including the brand new Dinosaur exhibit that opens right at the end of May, and the Planetarium will also be open for our event. The event will be catered and there will be wine and beer and soft drinks to drink. Cost for the evening will be \$40 for adults, and children will be admitted free. Don't miss out on this great event. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet socially with members of the Council and their families. See you there!!

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