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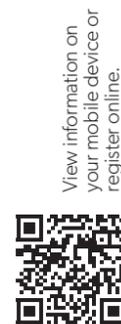
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# DAY 1 – MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2025

## MORNING PLENARY

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.  
CHECK-IN & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00 – 9:10 a.m.  
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS  
*Brenna M. Galvin, Institute Chair*

### 9:10 – 10:10 a.m. **2025 Minnesota Legislative and Case Law Update**

Join Suzanne Scheller, Chair of the Legislative Committee for the Elder Law Section, for the annual legislative and case law update. Learn about what legislation passed in 2025, new cases and other items of note that may impact our practice and our clients, including topics related to medical assistance, license requirements for providers, guardianships, housing, and more.  
*Suzanne M. Scheller*

10:10 – 10:15 a.m.  
BREAK

### 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. **Key Federal Legislation Impacting Elder Law in 2025**

This presentation will explore the most significant federal legislative and regulatory changes in 2025 that affect elder law practice. The speakers will cover the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, changes at federal agencies affecting elder law, and other critical issues such as Medicaid Estate Recovery. You will receive practical insights into how these shifts will impact your clients and the strategies you can implement in response.

*Kacey B. Dugan  
Mary Lynn J. Rynkiewicz*

11:15 – 11:20 a.m.  
BREAK

### 11:20 a.m. – 12:20 p.m. **Federal Nursing Home Updates: The Minimum Staffing Rule, Medicaid Cuts, Transparency and More**

From the status of the minimum staffing rule to the impact of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act on nursing home care, to developments regarding greater transparency in finances and care quality, Sam Brooks will summarize the most recent and significant developments in nursing home care. Additionally, he will provide a forecast of what to expect from the current administration regarding long-term care and its potential impact on Minnesota.

*Sam Brooks*

## LUNCH AND AWARDS CEREMONY

(Lunch provided by Minnesota CLE)

12:20 – 1:15 P.M.

1:15 – 2:15 P.M.  
BREAKOUT SESSION A

### FUNDAMENTALS

101  
**My First Elder Law Case**  
*Kate R. Fredrickson*

### HOT TOPICS IN ELDER LAW

102  
**Protecting Without Isolating: Appropriate Use of Legal Tools for Managing Social Contact in Care Facilities**  
*Sara G. Green  
Marit A. Peterson*

2:15 – 2:30 p.m. BREAK

2:30 – 3:30 P.M.  
BREAKOUT SESSION B

201  
**An Introduction to Medical Assistance**  
*Chris J. Kradle*

202  
**2025 Medical Assistance and Estate Recovery Updates**  
*Mark A. Eekhoff  
Amber M. Hildebrandt  
Julian J. Zweber*

3:30 – 3:45 p.m. BREAK

3:45 – 4:45 P.M.  
BREAKOUT SESSION C

301  
**Managing Probate in the Context of Elder Law Planning**  
*Martha Amdahl  
Laura J. Zdychnec*

302  
**Strategies for Medicaid Divorces**  
*Jason C. Brown  
Cathryn D. Reher*

4:45 – 5:30 p.m.  
**Elder Law Institute Reception**  
Join the speakers, your colleagues and friends for refreshments and good conversation at the annual reception!

# DAY 2 – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025

## MORNING PLENARY

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.  
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00 – 9:05 a.m.  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 9:05 – 9:50 a.m. **The Impact of Federal Legislation on Medicaid Eligibility, Funding and Administration in Minnesota**

*John M. Connolly*

### 9:50 – 10:05 a.m. **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

*John M. Connolly  
Brenna M. Galvin, moderator*

10:05 – 10:15 a.m.  
BREAK

### 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. **Shielding the Carer: Understanding and Managing Secondary Trauma in the Legal Profession**

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Sarah M. MacGillis*

11:15 – 11:30 a.m.  
BREAK

11:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.  
BREAKOUT SESSION D

### FUNDAMENTALS

401  
**Real Estate Fundamentals for the Elder Law Attorney: TODDS and More**  
*Callyn T. Bedker*

### HOT TOPICS IN ELDER LAW

402  
**The New Financial Exploitation Injunction Law: A New Tool to Protect Vulnerable Adults**  
*Mary McGurran  
Jill M. Sauber  
Nicholas Wanka  
Elizabeth I. Wrobel*

## LUNCHBREAK

(on your own)

12:30 – 1:00 P.M.

1:00 – 2:00 P.M.  
BREAKOUT SESSION E

501  
**Guardianship and Conservatorship Fundamentals**  
*Megan C. Kelly  
Krista M. Schneider*

502  
**Advising Agricultural Families About Elder Law Issues: Medical Assistance Eligibility in a Time of Rising Farm Values**  
*James T. McNary  
Traci J. Sherman*

2:00 – 2:15 p.m. BREAK

2:15 – 3:15 P.M.  
BREAKOUT SESSION F

### SPECIAL NEEDS TRUSTS

601  
**Perspectives in Special Needs Trust Administration: Residences, Rides, Reports, Restrictions and Reckonings**  
*Geneva E. Finn  
Eric G. Jonsgaard  
Katrina Pierce  
Jeffrey W. Schmidt, moderator*

602  
**Elimination of Bias: Cultural Competency for Elder Law Attorneys**

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