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DAY 1 – MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2026

MORNING PLENARY

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

9:00 – 9:10 a.m.
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
Jill M. Sauber, Institute Chair

9:10 – 10:10 a.m.
2026 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 2026, 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.
Personal Safety and Wellness for Elder Law Attorneys
1.0 mental health/substance use credit applied for
Richard L. Hendrickson
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11:15 – 11:20 a.m.
BREAK

11:20 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.
Who is My Client When Practicing Elder Law? An Update to Professional Rule of Responsibility 1.14
1.0 ethics credit applied for
Nina A. Kohn (remote presentation)

12:20 – 12:45 p.m.
AWARDS CEREMONY

12:45 – 1:45 P.M.
LUNCH BREAK
(provided to attendees)



Join fellow attendees at Fogo de Chão for a complimentary lunch, conveniently located in the same building as the Conference Center. Enjoy Fogo’s Market Table which has over 40 different options, plus refreshing beverages, and casual conversation with colleagues in a relaxed setting.



1:45 – 2:45 P.M.
BREAKOUT SESSION A

FUNDAMENTALS

101
Estate Recovery 101
Mark A. Eekhoff
Carl E. Erickson
Cathryn D. Reher

HOT TOPICS IN ELDER LAW

102
Medicaid Asset Protection
Brenna M. Galvin

2:45 – 3:00 p.m. BREAK

3:00 – 4:00 P.M.
BREAKOUT SESSION B

201
Special Needs Trusts, ABLE Accounts and Pooled Trusts – What is Each and How Do They Work Together?
Martha Amdahl
Katrina Pierce
Jim Wolverton

202
Issues in Hospital Discharge
Kelly Jo Greiner
Dr. Matthew Stofferahn
Cathrey D. Reher, moderator

4:00 – 4:15 p.m. BREAK

4:15 – 5:15 P.M.
BREAKOUT SESSION C

301
Anatomy of Assisted Living and Nursing Home Contracts
Lauren L. Fink
Cynthia Johnson

302
Strategies for Pursuing Extreme Risk Protective Orders
Rana Alexander
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MORNING PLENARY

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

9:00 – 9:05 a.m.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

9:05 – 10:05 a.m.
Best Practices for Navigating E-Estate Planning Documents, Remote Notarization and Travel Notaries
Cameron R. Kelly

10:05 – 10:15 a.m.
BREAK

10:15 – 11:15 a.m.
Cross-Cultural Conflict Resolution
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Sharon B. Press

11:15 – 11:30 a.m.
BREAK

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

FUNDAMENTALS

401
How Can Families Provide Care at Home Through Medical Assistance?
Katie Hestness
Vicki Knight
David A. Rephan

HOT TOPICS IN ELDER LAW

402
Respectfully, Your Honor... What to Do When the Court Gets It Wrong
Megan C. Kelly
J. Noble Simpson

LUNCH BREAK
(on your own)

12:30 – 1:00 P.M.

1:00 – 2:00 P.M.
BREAKOUT SESSION E

501
Who are the Players in Elder Law? What is Everyone’s Role and How Can We Collaborate?
Kathleen Carlson
Genevieve E. Gaboriault
Katie Hestness
Maya E. Missaghi

502
Financial Exploitation of Older Adults – Safe Seniors Act and the Mechanics of Reporting
Boima Freeman
Mary A. McGurran
Referee Elizabeth Wendt
Jill M. Sauber, moderator

2:00 – 2:15 p.m. BREAK

2:15 – 3:15 P.M.
BREAKOUT SESSION F

601
Advocating for Supportive Decision-Making
Kate R. Fredrickson
Benjamin T. Kaufman

602
Long Term Care Planning for High-Net-Worth Clients
Mary Frances Price

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