



A Practical Guide to **MA Estate Recovery** in Minnesota

A thorough examination of Minnesota's Medical Assistance (MA) estate recovery process, from initial eligibility determinations to final claim resolution!

SESSIONS INCLUDE:

- Fundamentals of MA Estate Recovery in MN
- Eligibility Requirements for MA Benefits
- Strategic Use of Special Needs Trusts
- Intricacies of DHS Liens and Clearance Certificates
- County Claims Process
- And more!

An ideal seminar for attorneys practicing in elder law, estate planning, probate, real estate, and health law who work with clients receiving or planning for long-term care services.

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SCHEDULE

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

9:00 – 9:05 a.m.
Welcome & Introduction
– Mark A. Eekhoff, Course Chair

9:05 – 10:35 a.m.
The Fundamentals of MA Estate Recovery in Minnesota
– Mark A. Eekhoff
– Cathryn D. Reher

10:35 – 10:50 a.m.
BREAK

10:50 – 11:35 a.m.
Medical Assistance Financial and Non-Financial Eligibility Requirements
– Téa Baker
– David A. Rephan

11:35 a.m. – 12:35 p.m.
Roles and Requirements in Special Needs Trust Administration
– Nathan Danielson
– Geneva E. Finn
– Eric S. Jonsgaard
– Katrina Pierce
– Jeffrey W. Schmidt

12:35 – 1:15 p.m.
LUNCH BREAK (ON YOUR OWN)

1:15 – 2:15 p.m.
MA Liens & Notices of Potential Claim (NPCs): Minnesota Department of Human Services' Role in the Recovery Process
– Mark A. Eekhoff

2:15 – 3:00 p.m.
Claims Against Estates: The Role of the County in the Recovery Process
– Carl E. Erickson

3:00 – 3:15 p.m.
BREAK

3:15 – 4:15 p.m.
Who's Your Client? Ethical Issues in MA Applications, Appeals, and Probates
1.0 ethics credit applied for
– Karin K. Ciano

COURSE INFORMATION

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