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Pennsylvania seniors and their providers are facing unprecedented changes. New laws and regulations, uncertain outcomes and some promising initiatives have emerged from a tumultuous year of legal developments affecting seniors. Most of us will be impacted in some way.

Join Marshall, Parker & Associates and leading experts from across the state for our 11th Annual Elder Law Update to learn about key developments affecting seniors and those who serve them.

Get an expert overview of the recently implemented Deficit Reduction Act and learn how it may affect the bottom line at long-term care facilities and increase a child's liability to pay for a parent's nursing home care.

Find out how Pennsylvania's new health care directive law enhances our ability to control medical decisions, and what traps to avoid. See what steps our local communities are taking to improve health care decision making and the quality of end-of-life care.

The 11th Annual Elder Law Update is presented free of charge by Marshall, Parker & Associates with support from this year's sponsors. Don't miss this opportunity to get the latest information and to network with your colleagues and other professionals.

Our Agenda...

- **7:30 AM – 8:00 AM**
Breakfast & Registration
Sponsored by
Hospice of the Sacred Heart
- **8:00 AM – 8:15 AM**
Welcome
*Jeffrey A. Marshall, Esquire, CELA**
- **8:15 AM – 9:00 AM**
Medicaid and the Deficit Reduction Act –
What it Means to Professionals
*Matthew J. Parker, Esquire, CELA**
- **9:00 AM – 9:15 AM Break**
- **9:15 AM – 10:15 AM**
Children's Liability for
Long Term Care Costs &
Nursing Home Admission Agreements
Professor Katherine Pearson
- **10:15 AM - 10:30 AM Break**
- **10:30 AM – 11:15 AM**
Staying at Home:
Pennsylvania's New Initiatives in
Home and Community Based Care
Mary Frances Grabowski, Esquire
- **11:15 AM -12:00 PM**
Pennsylvania's New Laws on
Health Care Directives and
End of Life Care
Dr. Alexander Nesbitt &
*Jeffrey A. Marshall, Esquire, CELA**
(Williamsport)
Dr. Ralph DeMario & Kevin Grebas, Esquire
(Wilkes-Barre)

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Our Speakers...

Dr. Ralph DeMario

Hospice of the Sacred Heart

Dr. Ralph DeMario is a general internist in the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton area with a private practice in association with Primemed, Inc. He has a fervent interest in end-of-life issues and has been involved with Hospice care for over 18 years. Dr. DeMario is presently board-certified in both Internal Medicine and Hospice and Palliative Care Medicine and currently is Medical Director for Hospice of the Sacred Heart. Hospice of the Sacred Heart is a non-profit hospice serving the end-of-life needs of patients and families in both Luzerne and Lackawanna counties.

Mary Frances Grabowski, Esquire

Office of the General Counsel of the

Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare

Ms. Grabowski is a Senior Assistant Counsel in the Office of General Counsel of the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare (DPW), the State Medicaid agency. Her primary responsibility is to provide legal advice and representation to the DPW Office of Medical Assistance Programs on matters pertaining to nursing facility reimbursement and Medicaid Program requirements. Ms. Grabowski has been a speaker at American Health Lawyers Association, Pennsylvania Bar Institute, and Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants conferences. She holds a B.A. from Marywood College and a J.D. from the Penn State Dickinson School of Law.

Kevin R. Grebas, Esquire

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Attorney Grebas received his B.S. in Political Science from the University of Scranton and his law degree from the Penn State Dickinson School of Law. He has provided training for Pennsylvania Department of Aging care-managers throughout Pennsylvania and frequently speaks to community groups and professional organizations about legal issues affecting the elderly. Attorney Grebas is on the Board of Directors for the Northeast Pennsylvania End-of-Life Coalition and sits on the Plan Advisory Committee of the Living Independently for Elders (LIFE) Program in Scranton. He also belongs to numerous organizations dedicated to the issues of seniors.

Jeffrey A. Marshall, Esquire, CELA*

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Attorney Marshall, managing attorney of Marshall, Parker & Associates, LLC, is a nationally recognized expert on planning for seniors. A frequent speaker and writer on elder law issues, his book, *Elder Law in Pennsylvania*, received the 2006 award for Outstanding Achievement in Publications from the Association for Continuing Legal Education. He is frequently quoted in national publications, such as *Time Magazine*, *The Kiplinger Retirement Report*, and the *Chicago Tribune*. He received his law degree from Stanford University in 1972, where he served as Editor of the Stanford Law Review.

Dr. Alexander Nesbitt

Susquehanna Home Care & Hospice

Dr. Nesbitt is the Medical Director of Susquehanna Hospice and Palliative Medicine in Williamsport, PA. He received his Medical Degree from George Washington University School of Medicine and completed his residency at North Memorial Medical Center in Minnesota. He is Board Certified in Hospice and Palliative Medicine and works full-time overseeing Hospice care in patients' homes and in the inpatient Hospice unit, The Gatehouse. He is also the Director and Coordinator of the Lycoming County POLST Project. Dr. Nesbitt is responsible for developing and implementing a county-wide process of documenting and carrying out advance care planning preferences for patients in health institutions.

Matthew J. Parker, Esquire, CELA*

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Attorney Parker is a principal of Marshall, Parker & Associates, LLC. He is a Magna Cum Laude graduate of the University of Pittsburgh and received his JD from the Penn State Dickinson School of Law in 1995. Attorney Parker is a Board Certified Elder Law Attorney by the National Elder Law Foundation. In November 2006, he obtained a Federal Court Decree enjoining the Department of Public Welfare from denying Medicaid benefits in the spousal annuity case of James v. Richman. Attorney Parker has taught for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute and is a frequent speaker to consumer and professional groups on elder law issues including guardianship and estate planning.

Katherine C. Pearson, Professor of Law

Penn State Dickinson School of Law

Katherine Pearson is Professor of Law and the Director of the Elder Law and Consumer Protection Clinic at the Penn State Dickinson School of Law. Recognized throughout the legal community for her expertise on legal issues facing older adults, Professor Pearson has been selected to speak before the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, the National Council on Family Relations and the National Aging and the Law Conference in Washington, D.C. Professor Pearson is a nationally acclaimed expert on issues related to the liability of children for a parent's health and long-term care costs and in regard to nursing home admission agreements. Professor Pearson received her law degree from the University of Miami.

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