

National Legal Training Curriculum 2019 Syllabus

● denotes Basics training ▲ denotes Advanced training

CONSUMER PROTECTION

Student Loan Debt ●	This Legal Basics webcast will provide an overview of options available to assist older adults with student loan debt.	January 29
Telemarketing Scams ▲	The Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) is a federal law that helps consumers challenge abusive solicitation methods. This Advanced webcast will discuss the underutilized federal law and others ways to challenge scams.	July 17

ECONOMIC SECURITY

Nutrition Assistance SNAP and Senior Nutrition Programs ●	The Supplemental Nutrition Program (SNAP) provides assistance to 5.1 million older adults. This Legal Basics webcast will explain federal and state nutrition services for older adults, how to help clients access these programs, and tips and strategies for overcoming access barriers to nutrition services.	March 12
SSI Overpayment: Walk-Through a Case ▲	This Advanced webcast will walk through three overpayment case examples in detail to give attendees practical training and tips on how the process works, what they should expect, and common challenges.	May 22
Veterans Benefits ●	This Legal Basics webcast will provide an explanation of Veterans Benefits with a focus on Non-Service Connected pension, an overview of Special Monthly Pension and VA extended care benefits, and an exploration of how VA benefits intersect with Social Security and Medicaid.	July 9
SSI Transfer Penalty: Walk-Through a Case ▲	This Advanced webcast will walk through three transfer penalty case examples in detail to give attendees practical training and tips on how the process works, what they should expect, and common challenges.	September 18
Intersection of Medicare and Social Security ●	This Legal Basics webcast will explain the services Social Security provides for Medicare beneficiaries, when to talk to Medicare or the Social Security Administration, and how to help clients navigate the two agencies.	October 8
Accessing Social Security Administration Services for LEP Individuals ▲	This Advanced webcast will discuss the services available for Limited English Proficiency (LEP) applicants/recipients, how to request assistance for them, common problems, and how to address them.	December 18

ELDER ABUSE

Signs of Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation ▲

Lawyers and others who work with older adults should be aware of potential signs of abuse, neglect, and exploitation. This awareness requires an understanding of abuse signs, as well as the questions to ask when abuse is suspected. As the first part in the forthcoming National Center on Law and Elder Rights (NCLER) Elder Justice Toolkit, this webcast will help lawyers tune into potential warning signals and discuss key questions to ask when elder abuse is suspected.

January 16

The Ethics Related to Elder Abuse: Mandatory and Permissive Reporting ▲

As part of the Elder Justice Toolkit, this webcast will provide an overview of the lawyer's role in spotting and reporting elder abuse, with a focus on rules of confidentiality and mandatory reporting laws.

April 3

When the Guardian is the Abuser ▲

This Advanced webcast will provide information on the civil attorney's role when a guardian is an abuser. The webcast will detail situations in which a guardian's abuse of legal authority can lead to financial exploitation and neglect, and actions the attorney should take when the guardian is the abuser.

June 19

Self-Neglect and Hoarding ●

This Legal Basics webcast will explore how to spot warning signs of self-neglect and hoarding in clients, and the attorney's responsibility to report and respond to cases of self-neglect and hoarding.

November 12

HOUSING

Advanced Reverse Mortgages and Property Tax Issues ▲

This Advanced webcast, Part 2 of last year's [Emerging Issues in Reverse Mortgages](#), will provide greater detail on reverse mortgages and property tax problems facing older homeowners.

March 20

Title Issues: Planning and Problem Solving ●

This Legal Basics webcast will provide an overview of title complexities, such as family owned properties, lease/purchase agreements, and fraudulent conveyances, and provide advice for attorneys helping clients through title challenges.

April 9

Elder Subsidized Housing ●

Housing is generally the highest expense in an older adult's budget. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development provides affordable housing for older adults in the form of public housing, multifamily subdivided housing, and rental assistance through housing vouchers. This Legal Basics webcast will detail the different programs available for older adults.

August 13

Eviction 2.0 ▲

This Advanced webcast, Part 2 of last year's [Legal Basics Eviction Defense](#) training, will dig deeper into eviction issues, providing more detail on the Fair Housing Act and Americans with Disabilities Act eviction protections.

October 16

HEALTH/LTSS

Consumer Law and Nursing Facilities ▲	This Advanced webcast will explore legal protections in nursing facilities and strategies for consumer law challenges.	February 20
Dual Eligibles ●	Dual eligible individuals are beneficiaries enrolled in both the Medicare and Medicaid program. This Legal Basics webcast will provide an overview of the programs, highlight particular characteristics of the dual eligible population, and provide an update on integrated programs that serve dual eligible individuals.	May 29
Eligibility for Public Benefit Programs for Older Immigrants ●	This Legal Basics webcast will provide an overview of eligibility rules that govern older immigrants' access to federal public benefit programs. The webinar will focus on four core health and economic security benefits programs: Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security and Supplemental Security Income.	June 11
Behavioral Health & Older Adults ▲	This Advanced webcast will cover the challenges that older adults with mental health and substance use disorders (including opioid addiction) face in accessing the health care services they need, and how advocates can help them access those services.	August 21
Advanced Issues in Medicare Part B ▲	This Advanced webcast will cover issues in Medicare Part B, including outpatient care, outpatient status at hospitals, and Part B drugs.	November 20
OAA Services as Part of HCBS Network ●	The Older Americans Act provides an important foundation for the nation's home and community-based services network. This Legal Basics webcast will explain the Older Americans Act's legal assistance sections and explore strategies to integrate legal assistance into the home and community-based aging and disability service delivery systems.	December 10

GUARDIANSHIP

Representing a Client in a Defense of Guardianship Case ●	This Legal Basics webcast will provide guidance to lawyers representing an individual before a guardianship is put in place.	September 10
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ADVANCE CARE PLANNING

Advance Planning Documents Planning and Prevention ●	This Legal Basics webcast will detail the different advance planning documents attorneys prepare for older adult clients, with tips for safeguards to include to ensure documents require accountability and are transparent.	February 12
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