

Guardianship's Peaks and Valleys

The 2010

North Carolina Guardianship Association Conference



*May 19 – 21, 2010
Doubletree Inn Biltmore
Asheville, North Carolina*

Schedule of Events

WEDNESDAY, May 19

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Exhibit Setup

8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Registration

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Registered Guardian Exam Review Session

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Pre-Conference Session

Guardianship: The Do's and Don'ts

Cynthia Hosenkamp
Guardianship Representative
Pathways LME
Gastonia, NC

Deborah McMillan
Director, Volunteer Services
Cumberland County Mental Health
Fayetteville, NC

This pre-conference session will focus on the basics of North Carolina's Guardianship Law, and the guardian's duties and responsibilities. (Separate Registration Required. See Registration Form)

10:15 AM - 12:15 PM

Registered Guardianship Exam
(Separate Registration required. See Page 3 for details.)

11:30 PM – 2:00 PM

Visit Exhibits

Box lunches will be available at the Registration Desk for those who pre-ordered one (See Registration Form)

1:15 PM - 1:30 PM

Welcome and Introductions

John K. Eller, NCGA President
The Honorable Terry M. Bellamy
Mayor of Asheville

1:30 PM - 2:45 PM

Protecting Human Services in Tough Economic Times

Lanier M. Cansler, Secretary
NC Dept. of Health & Human Services
Raleigh, NC

The State of North Carolina, along with most other states is struggling to maintain critical health care and human services with increasing demands and dwindling funds. This challenge requires an increased focus on care and most critical services, innovation to enhance effectiveness and efficiency, and a vision for where the state must go to ensure these services in the future.

2:45 PM - 3:15 PM

Break and Visit Exhibits

3:15 PM - 5:00 PM

Ethical Boundaries: Avoiding the Slippery Slope

Dr. Kim Strom Gottfried, Ph.D.
Thelman Distinguished Professor of
Ethics and Professional Practice
School of Social Work, UNC-CH
Chapel Hill, NC

In this session, participants will explore the array of boundary issues that are common to professional practice and the conflicts of interest that can result. Through discussion, participants will utilize decision-making strategies to learn how to avoid such dilemmas, and how to set clear, appropriate and culturally sensitive boundaries when such conflicts are unavoidable.

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

President's Meet and Greet Reception

THURSDAY, May 20

8:30 AM – 12:00 Noon

Registration and visit Exhibits

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
Concurrent Sessions

A. Stress: What does not kill us, makes us stronger.

Dr. Susan Hill, Ph.D
Pisgah Institute
Asheville, NC

Interactive session where participants will learn what stress is, how to identify it, and work with it in their lives.

B. Ombudswat?? Who is this person?

Barbara Hinshaw
Land of Sky Council
Asheville, NC

A Long-Term Care Ombudsman works as an advocate for the residents of North Carolina's licensed facilities. This session will discuss an Ombudsman's role and how they can help with guardianship issues.

C. Riding the Rollercoaster of Work With Substance Abuse Disorders

Patricia Tiberi
Smoky Mountain Center
Sylva

What makes it so hard to work with Substance Abuse Disorders? Why don't they seem to get better? What steps can I take to help them move towards a recovery process? How do I care for myself while helping them?

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Break and Visit Exhibits

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Concurrent Sessions

D. Playing the Balancing Game

Julia Gibson
Executive Director
Pisgah Valley Retirement
Asheville, NC

Some incapacitated adults may pose special difficulties for caregivers, guardians and families. As adults, it is important they have as much autonomy as possible, while they must also have necessary protections. Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia can be perplexing and difficult to manage. Add a myriad of complex family dynamics and the balancing act begins.

E. Working with Individuals with Developmental Disabilities: Providing Support for Personal Growth and Emotional Enrichment

Dr. Ron Capleton
Clinical Psychiatrist
Valdese, NC

Individuals with developmental disabilities have a unique personality that comes with distinct thoughts and behaviors, which promote or impede their emotional development. Barriers to the enhancement of personal growth and ways to promote emotional development will be discussed in this presentation.

F. Promises and Pitfalls of the Multidisciplinary Evaluation

Dr. George Demakis
Director of Clinical Training
Psychology Dept., UNC-Charlotte
Charlotte, NC

This session will cover the basics of the Multidisciplinary Evaluation (MDE) including its purpose, format, and usage by the courts. Special attention will be paid to how the evaluation is actually completed and how the resulting report can be used. Case studies will highlight some of the promises and pitfalls of the MDE.

12:30 PM - 1:45 PM

Membership and Awards Luncheon

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Registration

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
Concurrent Sessions

G. Mediation Before the Clerk of Court

Kate Mewhinney
Executive Director
The Elder Law Clinic
Wake Forest University
School of Law
Winston-Salem, NC

Our State allows for mediation of guardianship disputes, an option about which many lawyers and laymen are not aware. How does it work, who can request it, who can handle the mediation, and who pays for it? These common questions – and more – will be covered so that you can help families take advantage of this less stressful approach to disputes.

H. Stripping Down to the Bare Necessities. Limited Guardianship and Alternatives to Guardianship

Cynthia Alleman
Attorney,
Asheville, NC

This session will discuss Alternatives to Guardianship under North Carolina law and Limited Guardianship. Guardianship can be limited to just the bare necessities which preserves more rights for the individual. We will also be briefly discussing the modification process to change from full guardianship to limited guardianship as the ward's abilities improve. The emphasis for all guardianships is on preserving the rights of the individual while providing whatever protection is necessary.

I. Who Speaks in the Valley of Shadows?

Lawrence Craige
Attorney
Wilmington, NC

This session will cover the intersection of Advance Directives, medical care, client choice, family issues, and state and federal law. The practice steps of execution, registration, and the peaks/valleys of use/abuse of Advance Directives will also be discussed.

4:00 PM

Fun Time - Fun Events – Optional

Join us for a fun filled evening on a bus trip to Cherokee with a stop in Dillsboro at the Fudge Factory.

Dinner on your own

Friday, May 21

8:30 AM – 12:00 Noon

Registration and Visit Exhibits

9:00 AM - 10:15 AM

Wards Are People Too: Balancing the Responsibilities and Powers of Guardianship With the Rights of the Ward

B. Bailey Liipfert, III
Aimee L. Smith
Craig Brawley Liipfert &
Walker LLP
Winston-Salem, NC

Guardians have the power to make decisions for their wards. However, guardians are directed by the National Guardianship Association Standards of Practice as well as the laws of the State of North Carolina to consider the wishes of the ward whenever possible and allow the ward to participate as fully as possible in all decisions that affect the ward. A guardian's job is not to impose the guardian's will on the ward or protect the ward from making mistakes. Wards should be allowed to exercise their individual rights to the extent they are capable of doing so.

10:15 AM - 10:45 AM

Break and Visit Exhibits

10:45 AM – 12:00 Noon

The Mountain Before Us: The Guardianship Process – Clerks of Superior Court Panel

Rena Turner, Iredell County
(Moderator)
Al Jean Bogle, Catawba County
Steve Cogburn, Buncombe County
Mark Pegram, Rockingham County
June Ray, Haywood County

From the filing of a Petition for Adjudication of Incompetence to the Appointment of a Guardian. All things considered from the Clerk's perspective.

11:30 AM

Certificates will be available for pickup

12:00 Noon – 12:15 PM

Drawing for Prizes
Conference Adjourns

Visit Historic Biltmore House or the Thomas Wolfe House.

Registration Information

Registration fees for the 2010 NCGA Conference include a conference manual, entrance to all sessions, the opening reception on Wednesday, and the Membership Luncheon on Thursday. Separate registration is required for the pre-conference session and the bus trip to Cherokee, NC.

Hotel Information

Doubletree Biltmore Hotel
115 Hendersonville Rd.
Asheville, NC 28803
Phone: 828/274-1800
800/222-8733

Web Site:
www.biltmorefarmshotels.com

To receive a special double or single room rate of \$115.00 (for 1 – 4 people per room), plus 10.75% tax, please mention that you are attending the NCGA Conference. This rate will be available from May 16 through May 23. **Reservations must be made by Saturday, May 2, 2010 to receive this rate. After this date, rooms are subject to availability and a rate increase.** Check in time is 3:00 PM, and check out is 11:00 AM.

Each room is equipped with a coffee maker with complimentary coffee and tea; hair dryer; balcony or patio; iron and ironing board; wireless, high-speed internet access and remote guestroom printing; and a flat screen HDTV. Amenities of the hotel include: complimentary parking; indoor saline pool and whirlpool; cardio equipment with personal TV screens, weights and room to stretch; outdoor jogging and hiking trails are nearby.

The hotel offers in-room dining from 6:30 AM to 10:00 PM, and a full service breakfast buffet for \$11.95. T.G.I. Friday's restaurant and lounge is adjacent to the hotel for lunch and dinner. There are also a number of restaurants within walking distance of the hotel.

The Doubletree Biltmore Hotel is located just off I-40 at Biltmore (Exit 50). It is conveniently located one block from the entrance to the world famous Biltmore Estate & Winery and the Historic Biltmore Village.

Additional Meal Tickets

A box lunch on Wednesday and Lunch on Thursday is included with each paid registration. However, you **MUST** pre-order the box lunch by checking the appropriate box on the Conference Registration form. Please indicate on the Registration form if you need **additional** meal tickets.

Continuing Education

NCGA will offer Continuing Education Credits (CEUs), and Continuing Legal Education Credits (CLEs). Certificates will be available on site for all participants. There is a fee of \$3.00 per credit hour for Continuing Legal Education Credits approved by the NC State Bar. Please have your bar number available.

Credit Card (MC/VISA)

NCGA can now accept credit card for conference registration on-line. To register on line, please visit our website at: www.nc-guardian.org. Orders for the NCGA's Guardianship Manual and exam sitting fees for the Registered Guardian Exam can be accepted on-line with a credit card.

NCGA Guardianship Exam

Do not miss this opportunity to join the prestigious group of North Carolina Registered Guardians. An Exam Review Session will be held at 9:00 AM, Wednesday, May 19, 2010, with the Exam immediately following at 10:15 AM. Please see the Registration Form for costs. The application may be downloaded from NCGA's website: www.nc-guardian.org or you may call the NCGA office (919/266-9204) to have one mailed.

Scholarships

A limited number of scholarships are available to consumers or family members to attend the conference. The scholarship will cover registration and hotel room only. Please submit a short statement explaining your reason(s) and the amount needed. Mail to: **NCGA, P. O. Box 17673, Raleigh, NC 27619 by Wednesday, May 5, 2010.**

Fun Events - Optional

NCGA has planned several fun events for the conference. This is a great way to network with your fellow professionals.

On Wednesday evening at the conclusion of the last session, we will kick off our conference with a Meet & Greet Reception (cash bar). This will be a good time to see old friends and make new ones.

On Thursday evening explore the fascinating world of the Indian Reservation at Cherokee. Try your luck at Harrah's Casino. Sign up for a Total Rewards Player Card (free), and receive a \$10.00 credit voucher for play. A chartered bus will leave the hotel at 4:00 PM with a stop in Dillsboro at the Fudge Factory, and return to the hotel at 11:00 PM. Advance reservations are required with a minimum of 29 people.

Experience the extraordinary wonders of the Biltmore House, Gardens and Winery, and the Festival of Flowers. This is a self-guided tour. Discount tickets can be purchased through the hotel. Tour the Thomas Wolfe House and learn about this famous writer's home life. Tickets are \$1.00.

Spend time shopping in the quaint historic Biltmore Village.



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Registration Form

(Please Print)

Name: _____

Company/Agency: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

I have a disability that may require special accommodations in order for me to fully participate. Please contact me.

NCGA MEMBERSHIP FEE (Join now and save)

Consumer \$20.00 Family/Volunteer \$40.00 Professional \$65.00

PRE-CONFERENCE SESSION REGISTRATION

\$20.00 Per Person (includes all handouts) \$ _____

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES (After 5/1/10, please add \$25.00 late fee)

(Fee includes: Lunches (box lunch on Wednesday if pre-ordered), Breaks, Exam Review Session and Handouts)

Member...\$145.00 Non-Member...\$250.00 Thursday Only...\$125.00 Wednesday/Friday Only...\$75.00 \$ _____

Please check this box if you wish to have a box lunch available on Wednesday.

ADDITIONAL MEAL TICKETS FOR SPOUSE/GUESTS

Box Lunch (Wednesday, May 19)..... _____ Tickets at \$10.00 each..... \$ _____

Luncheon (Thursday, May 20)..... _____ Tickets at \$20.00 each..... \$ _____

OPTIONAL EVENTS (Thursday, May 20)

Cherokee/Harrah's Casino..... _____ Tickets at \$30.00 each..... \$ _____

NCGA GUARDIANSHIP EXAM

I wish to apply and pay fee for the Registered Guardianship Certification (Please send Application)

Will not attend the Conference - \$100.00 Will attend the Conference - \$50.00 \$ _____

Send _____ copy (ies) of NCGA Guardianship Manual \$65.00 (Non-Member) \$45.00 (Member) \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

To help in our planning for Thursday, please indicate the letter (A, B, C, etc.) of the sessions you plan to attend.

Thursday: 9:00 AM _____ 11:00 AM _____ 2:00 PM _____

Refund Policy: No refunds will be issued after April 30, 2010. A refund minus a \$15 administrative fee will be awarded for cancellation before April 30, 2010. Someone may substitute for you at the conference. Please make checks payable to NCGA, P. O. Box 17673, Raleigh, NC 27619. Contact Brenda Spaanbroek at 919/266-9204 or email ncguardian@aol.com for more information.