



2022 Annual Virtual Conference

Modern Guardianship: New Resources, Gaining a National Perspective, and Increasing Sensitivity in Supports

Friday, May 13, 2022 9:00 am- 4:00 pm

Program

8:45am Link Opens

**9:00am Welcome- Opening Remarks
Marty Prunty**

House Keeping Items: online etiquette, attendance for each session, where to find conference materials, information about educational credit and fees, and certificates of attendance.

**9:15am 2021-2022 Adult Guardianship Legislation Summary: Highlights,
Trends, and Still Missing Pieces to Ensure Meaningful Due Process
Elizabeth Moran**

ABA Commission on Law and Aging's Senior Attorney/Chief Counsel, Elizabeth Moran, will provide a brief update on projects and trends in guardianship legislation across the country and thoughts on we can better engage law makers in capacity legislation and legislative practices that support culture change that truly honors dignity of person, equality, and non-

discrimination. Elizabeth will also discuss how effective communication is essential to ensuring that all aspects of judicial proceedings uphold every individual's right to access and engage in meaningful due process, and other rights under guardianship.

10:15am Break

**10:30am Sexuality Rights of Those Under Guardianship
Corye Dunn**

Corye will address the sexuality rights amongst those under guardianship. This discussion will involve supporting persons under guardianship in their choices to have the right to sexual expression in addition to gender fluency and treatments to engage in modifying birth gender.

11:30pm Lunch Break

**12:00pm National Guardianship Association's Initiatives
Anthony Palmieri**

Anthony will spend a brief time discussing the National Guardianship Association and resources available to the community. Anthony will also be speaking on Guardianship transparency and data collection to accurately reflect positive Guardianship outcomes in the community. He will also discuss the Certified Guardianship Investigator role being developed. NGA is providing education and training around this position and its relevance to the times.

1:00pm Break

**1:15pm New Tools in North Carolina's Effort for More Comprehensive
Guardianship Reform
Mark Kleinschmidt**

Mark will address some new tools that were created to help people under guardianship as their needs change. As the work toward more comprehensive guardianship reform in North Carolina continues, one new tool created last fall with the passage of NCGS 35A-1121. It authorizes the court to order a single protective arrangement or transaction for the benefit of a minor or adult under guardianship without all the process expense and time needed to modify a guardian of the person to a general guardianship. This session will cover what we know about this new tool after its first six months in operations – what does it cover? What are its limitations? and how do you get the request before the court.

2:15pm Break

**2:30 pm The Facts about Licensed Adult and Family Care Homes
Alison Banzhoff**

Alison will be speaking about the differences in adult and family care homes, as well as what you can expect from the facility if you have a person under guardianship in a licensed FCH or ACH. Her discussion will explore the rules of operation, discharge criteria, services one can expect, and resident rights.

3:30pm 2022-2023 NCGA Board of Directors Officer Vote

4:00 pm Closing Remarks

Speaker Bios



Elizabeth Moran

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Elizabeth A Moran, Chief Counsel at the ABA Commission on Law and Aging, provides substantive support and expertise in the areas of guardianship, supported decision-making, adult's rights, and capacity issues, with a focus on guardianship law, policy, practice, and reform at both the state and federal level. Elizabeth previously served as Deputy Director of the Missouri DD Council, Chair of the Missouri Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Directing Attorney for Midwest Advocacy for Disability Rights, and more than ten years serving as adjunct professor at UMKC School of Law where she teaches leadership in disability studies.



Corye Dunn

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Corye Dunn joined DRNC in 2011 as the agency's director of public policy. Dunn, who was born and raised in Durham, N.C., graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill and NC Central University School of Law. Prior to coming to work at DRNC, Dunn practiced law in a small firm. She also served as a direct care provider to adults and children with developmental disabilities and worked in nonprofits seeking to expand access to education and increase investment in low-wealth communities.



Anthony Palmieri

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Anthony Palmieri, Palm Beach Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller's Deputy Inspector General, has been serving as President for 2022 of the National Guardianship Association (NGA). Palmieri's role at the Clerk's office as a nationally recognized leader in guardianship fraud investigations has grown in prominence over the last decade. Since Palmieri joined the Clerk's office in 2011, he has helped create important checks and balances for guardianship, from the Guardianship Integrity Assurance Hotline that allows people to anonymously report possible cases of fraud in guardianship cases, to the development of an online reporting system for guardians that was recently highlighted by a statewide task force for potential use throughout Florida.



Mark Kleinschmidt

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Mark Kleinschmidt has served as the Orange County Clerk of Superior Court since 2018. He is a double Tar Heel having graduated from the UNC-CH in 1992 with a degree in secondary education, and from the UNC School of Law in 2000. Prior to becoming Clerk, Mark's legal practice included representing incarcerated individuals with intellectual and other disabilities who were facing our state's most severe punishment. He has also represented a number of clients in their fight for reasonable accommodations in accessing services. Mark served the people of Chapel Hill as Mayor from 2009 to 2015 and currently serves on various non-profit boards including the Board of the North Carolina Guardianship Association.



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Alison Banzhoff, MSW, is a supervisor with Buncombe County HHS in the Adult Services Division. She supervises the Adult Home Specialists who are responsible for monitoring rule compliance and completing complaint investigations in adult and family care homes. She has been with Buncombe County for the past 22 years, in both child and adult social work services.