

Friday, November 2, 2018

MGA Annual Guardianship Conference: Evolving Issues in Practice

Draft Agenda

8:15 – 8:45 AM – Registration & Light Breakfast

8:45 – 9:15 AM – Welcome & Opening Address

Justice John D. Casey, Chief Justice of the Probate and Family Court Division

9:20 – 10:45 AM – Panel #1: Unsettled Areas of Guardianship Law and Practice

- **Panel Organizer and Moderator:** Eden Prendergast, Esq. DMH (Marlee on Call)
- **Karen Owen Talley, Esq.:** Appellate Attorney, Committee for Public Counsel Services (CPCS)
- **Judge Brian J. Dunn:** Suffolk Probate and Family Court
- **John G. Dugan, Esq.:** Partner, Doherty, Ciechanowki, Dugan & Cannon, P.C.
- Professional Guardian - **TBD**

10:45 – 11:00 AM – Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:15 – Panel #2: Interplay between Mental Health and Criminal Matters

- **Moderator:** Vincent A. Tofani, Esq., Parker Scheer, LLP.
- **Alyssa Thrasher Hackett,** CPCS
- **Judge Tracy-Lee Lyons,** Boston Municipal Court, Mental Health Court Session
- **Kathleen Shultz,** Health Services Administrator, Middlesex Sherriff's Office
- **Gregory Clifford,** Probation Officer, Boston Municipal Court
- **Leila Spencer,** LMHC, Boston Municipal Court, Mental Health Court Session

12:30 – 1:45 PM – Networking Lunch & Keynote Address

Secretary Marylou Sudders, Executive Office of Health and Human Services

2:00 – 3:15 PM – Panel # 3 – Evidentiary Issues in Guardianship Cases

- **Moderator:** Kristina Bordieri, Assistant Judicial Case Manager
- **Judge Jennifer M. Ulwick,** Essex Probate and Family Court

- **Deborah Hill Stevens**, CPCS Regional Coordinator for Hampden and Berkshire Counties
- **Ann “Hether” Hetherwick Cahill**, Burns Levinson
- **Sarah MacLaurin**, PMHNP-BC, Freedom Trail Clinic

3:20 – 4:35 PM – Panel #4 – Addressing Sexual Assault in the Context of Disability

- **Moderator:** Kate Granigan, LICSW, C-ASWCM, LifeCare Advocates LLC
- **Julie Howley Westwater, Esq.**, General Counsel, Disabled Persons Protection Commission
- **Joanna Bridger, LICSW**, Clinical Services Director, Riverside Trauma Center
- **Susan H. Vickers, Esq.**, Director, Sexual Assault Response Unit (SARU), Disabled Persons Protection Commission
- **Patty Quatieri**, Self-Advocate, Survivor and SARU Peer Support Person

4:45 – 6:00 PM – MGA Member & Conference Attendee Reception