

ARMED FOR BATTLE:
Sanctity of Life in the Geriatric, Disability, and Special Needs Context

8 CLE Credits Pending in Virginia (including 2 ethics, 5 Adult GAL, AND 1 Child GAL)

SPECIAL LIVESTREAM AND ON-DEMAND OFFERING [FOR PRO-LIFE ATTORNEY GROUPS](#)
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Conference Location, Dates, & Times:

Regent University School of Law
Robertson Hall
Virginia Beach, Virginia
October 22, 2018 – October 23, 2018
9:00 am – 3:30 pm

Presented by:

The South Hampton Roads Bar Association (SHRBA) & The Peninsula Bar Association (PBA)

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For information about attending the entire two-day conference, IN PERSON, please click
the following link: <https://armedforbattle.brushfire.com/events/446463>

Registration Costs:

1. \$10 per attorney for Livestream access of the entire two-day conference.
2. Additionally, for your convenience, links to the recordings of the conference sessions, each with an individual access code, will be available at the conclusion of the conference, via email, for an additional fee as follows until 8 pm on Friday, 10/26/18:
 - a. Monday, October 22, 2018 before lunch - \$10 per person.
 - b. Monday, October 22, 2018 after lunch - \$10 per person.
 - c. Tuesday, October 23, 2018 before lunch - \$10 per person.
 - d. Tuesday, October 23, 2018 after lunch - \$10 person.

Featuring Margaret Spencer Dixon. Meg Spencer Dixon, a Stanford law School graduate, has served for over 25 years as a consultant specializing in time management and stress management seminars for lawyers and legal professionals. She has presented seminars for numerous law firms, CLE providers, government agencies, corporate law departments, and Harvard Law School.

WHY ATTEND?

- Come to this one of kind CLE that will empower you by providing substantive and procedural authority to effectively represent potentially vulnerable members of our citizenry, when they are faced with challenging and inappropriate events that have the potential to start them on a slippery slope of decline and/or threaten to speed their demise.
- In addition to providing substantive and procedural authority, this conference will also arm you with strength for the battle by helping to make certain that your underlying foundations are sure. This conference will provide non-commercial, low-tech, organizational tools, systems, and processes that are easy to implement and easy to maintain. Come and learn the systems, processes, and tools, that will assist you with meeting and exceeding requisite ethical mandates, with a view toward increasing your overall quality of service as a legal practitioner and advocate.

Registrations proceeds benefit the following non-profit organization:

<http://lecliteracy.org>

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS BELOW:

1. **“Arming for Battle: De-cluttering a law office and obtaining pristine Order for the Solo practitioner or small firm”**. Yes, you can learn how to keep your workspace clutter-free! This program will show you how. Lawyer-consultant Meg Spencer Dixon guides an “organizationally-challenged” lawyer in the step-by-step process of “decluttering” one’s desk and office. A key part of this process involves creating the following organizational tools to incorporate the key information contained in items unearthed during the decluttering process: (1) a simple but comprehensive to-do list; (2) a handy “project list;” and (3) a user-friendly filing system. This process is described in Meg’s classic article “Yes, You Can Learn to Keep Your Desk Clutter-Free,” which contains the chart “A Step-by-Step Guide for the Organizationally Challenged.” The article will be available to participants (and is also available at Meg’s website, www.TimeManagementForLawyers.com, so don’t worry about misplacing the article!) This process can be used to dig out from months or years of accumulated clutter, as well as to maintain your newly-decluttered office in an organized state from now on. **Margaret Spencer Dixon, J.D.**, *Pending 1 CLE / Pending 1 ethics credit*.

2. **“Proactive Advocacy with Advance Medical Directives”**. If your practice involves the preparation of medical powers of attorney and other types of advance medical directives, in conjunction with basic or advanced estate planning, you will not want to miss this one of a kind seminar. This session will explore vital client counseling issues associated with different types of advance medical directives. This session will discuss the legal issues surrounding the ethical, and unethical use, of advance medical directives. In this session, you will learn to identify common advance medical directive terminology that is capable of resulting in unanticipated and unintended consequences for your clients. Come and learn how to properly execute advance medical directives and other life care planning documents under delicate or challenging circumstances. **Veronica E. Williams, Esq.** *Pending 1 CLE credit / Pending 1 Adult GAL credit*

3. **“Handling Denial of Care Cases”**. This session will address legal and ethical concerns involving the withdrawal or withholding of life-sustaining medical care. Ethical issues will incorporate faith-based perspectives as well as prevailing worldviews regarding human dignity and the sanctity of life. We will discuss the legal protection of brain-injured and otherwise disabled patients, citing legal precedents and specific cases. We will also address the importance of advance health care directives, as well as concerns with POLST/MOLST forms. This session will explore the procedural rules for seeking expedited redress, from the Virginia Supreme Court, in time sensitive matters such as denial of care cases. Specifically, what do I do when: (i) the patient’s life sustaining medical care (i.e., food, water, anti-coagulant, cardiac medication, etc...), have been withdrawn and/or withheld, (ii) and the trial Court has just denied my request for emergency injunctive relief, and (iii) there is concern that the actions complained of will serve to speed the patient’s demise without expedited relief?

Alexandra Snyder, Esq. and **Steve Emmert, Esq.**, *Pending 1 CLE Credit / Pending 1 Adult GAL Credit*

4. **“Challenging an inappropriate hospital sponsored guardianship petition”**. This session will explore the issues and authority involved in cases where the working relationship between a hospital patient’s family, and the treating hospital, has deteriorated, and the hospital has filed a guardianship petition to appoint a non-family member or an agency to making decisions, for the patient, regarding matters such as: (i) the patient’s discharge from the hospital, possibly to a geographically remote location, and (ii) the patient’s future medical care and treatment to include end of life type decisions? Discover the procedural and substantive issues associated with effectively challenging an inappropriate hospital sponsored guardianship petition on behalf of an extremely vulnerable patient, or surrogate medical decision maker?

Veronica E. Williams, Esq., *Pending 1 CLE credit / Pending 1 Adult GAL credit.*

5. **“Arming for Battle: Tracking and Projecting Law Firm Finances & Time for the Solo Practitioner or small firm”**. Come to this seminar and walk away with low tech tools, that can be implemented immediately, to gain mastery of your time and law firm finances including, but not limited to, effective tracking and projecting income so that you will be compliant with Virginia’s Rules of Professional Conduct.

Jayne Beth Sasso, MBA., *Pending 1 CLE / Pending 1 ethics credit.*

6. **“Medicaid Law: Accessing medical insurance benefits in the midst of a battle – What do I do when a patient’s medically necessary care is not covered by his or her major medical insurance in a hospital setting, nursing facility setting, or home-based setting?”**

Discover the laws and regulations governing payment for medical care and treatment at different points along the continuum of care. Learn what types of medical care and treatment are not covered by your client’s major medical insurance. Learn about frequently overlooked property exemptions, and income deductions that can be used to help your clients protect their resources while, at the same time, paying for medically necessary care, at different points along the continuum of care. Do you have a client who is believed to need too much care to remain in his or her home, yet the client does not desire long term placement in a nursing facility? Learn how this body of law may be able to help your client to age in place, as opposed to being prematurely institutionalized.

Veronica E. Williams, Esq., *Pending 1 CLE credit / Pending 1 Adult GAL credit*

7. **“Special Education Law: The Minor with Special Needs”**. Although over 150,000 children in Virginia public schools are identified with a disability, very few parents or attorneys understand what rights those children have to an education in the public-school system. What is a free appropriate public education? What is the current case law regarding special education? What do all of those acronyms in special education mean? How does a child receive specialized education? Answers to these questions and much more will be discussed in this session.

Brian McCann, Esq., Esq., *Pending 1 CLE credit / Pending 1 Child GAL credit*

8. **“Autism & the Law: Witness with a Diagnosis of Autism”**. The autism diagnosis rate in the United States is now one in 59. Attorneys, whether in civil or criminal matters, may represent a client who has autism. They may have to depose or cross examine a witness with autism. Attorneys should be aware of such issues as the client connecting with the jury, effectively communicating with your client, police interactions with your client, and special education documents that may help your case. Learn about autism and how it may impact your case.

Brian McCann, Esq. & Brian Wine, Ph.D., BCBA-D. LBA, *Pending 1 CLE Credit / Pending 1 Adult GAL Credit*