

ABA Webcast on why states should enact the Uniform Adult Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Jurisdiction Act

WHAT: The American Bar Association (ABA) Commission on Law and Aging is producing a FREE, one-hour Webcast titled "Why States Should Enact the Uniform Adult Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Jurisdiction Act (UAGPPJA or Act)."

Experts will cover the following issues:

- (1) Introduction to Guardianship and the Need for a Uniform Law;
- (2) Three Key Problems of Interstate Guardianship and How the Act Addresses Them;
- (3) How the Act Could Help Reduce Elder Abuse; and
- (4) Advocating for State Enactment.

WHY: Adult guardianships often involve more than one state. As a result, judges, guardians, and lawyers frequently face questions about which state should have initial jurisdiction, how to transfer a guardianship to another state, and whether a guardianship in one state will be recognized in another. Lack of clear jurisdictional guideposts can take up vast amounts of time for courts and lawyers, burden family members, exacerbate family conflict, and facilitate "granny snatching" and other abusive actions. To address these problems, in 2007 the Uniform Law Commission (ULC) approved the UAGPPJA to clarify jurisdiction and provide a procedural roadmap for addressing multi-state dilemmas. The UAGPPJA cannot work as intended – providing jurisdictional uniformity and reducing conflict – unless all or most states adopt it.

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE: Lawyers, judges, legislators and staff, aging and elder abuse network, guardianship practitioners, Alzheimer's Association advocates, and other professionals interested in state legislative reform.

WHO IS PRESENTING: Professor David English, the ULC's reporter for the UAGPPJA; Eric Fish, Legislative Counsel, ULC; Lori Stiegel, Senior Attorney, and Erica Wood, Assistant Director, of the ABA Commission on Law and Aging.

WHEN: Thursday, February 5, 2009 at 2:00 PM Eastern, 1:00 PM Central, 12:00 Noon Mountain, 11:00 AM Pacific

This presentation will be archived and available for viewing for a year on www.abanet.org/aging/guardianshipjurisdiction.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: <http://www.visualwebcaster.com/event.asp?id=55393>

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