

# Elder Law Attorney



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## Message from the Chair



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### Support Our Section

Our dynamic Elder Law Section is continuing to serve the needs of the Section members as well as our clients.

We are updating our website to provide legislation tracking, so that our members may keep abreast of state legislative changes on a current basis.

The summer meeting, chaired by Judith Raskin and Patricia Shevy, was a great success and very well attended. Judith Raskin

and Patricia Shevy did a wonderful job in organizing and running the meeting. The speakers were interesting and informative, and participants stayed late, well after the ending of the sessions, to hear more from the knowledgeable presenters. Kathy Heider and Lisa Bataille did a fabulous job in arranging the accommodations, dinners and outings, and the attendees had a terrific time.

Our Elder Law Section committees had breakfast meetings at the summer meeting, and are busy working for our members. Some highlights of ongoing projects are as follows:

- The legislative committee is closely monitoring relevant legislative and budget proposals and changes, and advising the Section.

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