

Elder Law Section Report 2011-2012

From September 2011 to June 2012 the Section has arranged, presented or participated in the following:

1. March 2, 2012

The Elder Law Section organized a presentation entitled "Home Care for Seniors". The presentation was made by Julie Donaldson, a franchise owner of Home Instead Senior Care. The discussion included services provided by Home Instead as well as self and family managed care through the provincial Home Care Program.

2. Date to be determined (May 29, 2012 Meeting cancelled)

Master Sharp of the Court of Queen's Bench will make a presentation entitled "Committeeship reports to the Master: The problems of jointly owned property". This program is to deal with the issue of jointly held property when one of the joint owners is under an Order of Committeeship.

3. Numerous members of the Section were also presenting for "Will Week – Estate Planning for Your Future" an initiative of The Public Trustee's Office and The Winnipeg Foundation. Will Week took place April 23-27 2012 and the presentations include discussions on Wills, Powers of Attorney and Health Care Directives.

Potential Future Legislative Changes

The Section has been contacted by Catherine Skinner, Legal Counsel for the Manitoba Law Reform Commission. The Commission is interested in doing a project on elder law. The project will likely consist of a series of reports on legal issues in this area. In particular, Ms Skinner requested a copy of a paper presented by the Elder Law Section in 2011 dealing with the lack of informed consent legislation in Manitoba for those outside of psychiatric facilities.

Respectfully submitted,
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