

## **Elder Law Section Report 2017-2018**

From September 2017 to June 2018 the subsection has arranged, presented, participated in the following:

September 28, 2017

Topic: Efiling initiatives

The Elder Law Section held a session to discuss the potential for efilings documents in court on probate matters and a demonstration of the process was provided. Speakers included Jake Harms and Ron Coke on behalf of LDRC.

Attendance was 29 in person and via teleconference.

March 19, 2018

Topic: Elder Law

The Chair of the Section spoke with students at the University of Manitoba with an interest in the area of Elder Law. Speaker: Sharon Tod

April 17, 2018

Topic: Everyone needs to name a Power of Attorney and have a will in place. If a person is experiencing cognitive changes, it becomes all the more urgent to get these important documents drawn while a person has capacity.

Questions the presentation discussed included:

- What markers of cognitive change are important to note?
- Is a person with dementia's capacity the same for all decisions?
- How can your legal team support a person's decision making capacity?
- What support may the family of a person with dementia need as they assume the responsibilities of Power of Attorney?

Speaker was Norma J. Kirkby, PHEc, Program Director, Alzheimer Society of Manitoba.

Registered Attendance was 46 in person and via teleconference.

Submitted by,

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