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- Representing clients involved in estate and trust litigation and strategies to avoid future litigation
- The impending changes to VA Pension eligibility rules
- A new tool to combat financial exploitation and a tutorial to better assess client financial decision-making capacity
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Thursday, February 23, 2017, 11:45a–5:15p

11:45a  **Registration and Boxed Lunch** (Lunch included at Live program only)

12:20p  **Welcome and Introductions**

12:30  **Recent Developments**
Letha Sgritta McDowell and Kathleen Rose Rodberg
Stay current on the latest state and national legislation, regulations and court cases affecting Elder Law & Special Needs Law.

1:30  **Estate and Trust Fiduciary Litigation**
M. Kemp Mosley and James W. Narron
This presentation considers a paradox: the widespread prevalence of elder financial abuse against the lacking societal awareness of it. It considers strategies to minimize the potential for financial abuse. Finally, it explores ways that cases of financial abuse frequently present and the various remedies available to correct or alleviate abuse.

2:30  **Nursing Home Litigation**
Rachel A. Fuerst
A litigator discusses common challenges in establishing nursing home liability and a summary of hot issues in nursing home litigation.

3:30  **Break**

3:45  **Gun Trusts in Elder & Special Needs Law**
Gregory Herman-Giddens
Gun trusts can enhance your practice. Learn about using gun trusts in your elder and special needs practice, and receive guidance on dealing with firearms in estate planning and administration cases.

5:15  **Networking Reception** (following Live program only)
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Friday, February 24, 2017, 8:15a–4:45p

8:15a  **Continental Breakfast** (Breakfast included at Live program only)

8:40  **Announcements and Introductions**

8:45  **Veterans Benefits: Developments and Updates**
Victoria L. Collier
Keynote Speaker sponsored by Resource Preservation Solutions
What ever happened with those impending changes to the VA Pension eligibility rules? Hear from nationally known Veterans Benefits attorney, Victoria Collier, about the implementation of these regulatory changes and other recent development in Veterans Benefits law.

10:15  **Non-LTC Medicaid and Other Public Benefits for the Elderly and Disabled: Hypotheticals and Issue-Spotting**
Angeleigh E. Dorsey and Douglas S. Sea
Long-Term Care Medicaid in a nursing home is not the only public benefit your clients may be eligible to receive. This session provides an overview of lesser known public benefits and tips for issue-spotting.

11:15  **Break**
11:30 **Guardianship Panel**  
A. Frank Johns and Natalie J. Miller  
Panelists discuss practical applications in the field of guardianship law, difficult issues that arise in guardianship cases as well as changes to North Carolina’s guardianship law since the implementation of the Uniform Adult Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Jurisdiction Act.

12:30p **Elder & Special Needs Law Section Annual Meeting**  
Natalie J. Miller, Law Office of Natalie J. Miller PLLC, Mooresville, 2016-2017 Section Chair, Presiding

12:45 **Networking Lunch** (included at Live program only)

1:30 **Assessing Financial Decision Making Skills**  
Peter A. Lichtenberg  
There is a new tool for practitioners to combat financial exploitation. Learn from one of the nation’s top clinical gerontologists about how to better assess the financial decision-making capacity of your clients.

2:30 **Care Managers and Life Care Professional Panel**  
Amy S. Fowler, Nancy Ruffner and Jennifer T. Szakaly  
Geriatric care managers can exponentially improve quality of life for your clients. Ask panel experts about your toughest cases.

3:30 **Break**

3:45 **Alcohol and Substance Abuse Issues for Elder Law Attorneys†**  
Paula A. Kohut  
Elder and Special Needs Law counsel are not immune from alcohol and substance abuse dependence. In this session, learn how to identify alcohol and substance abuse dependence.

4:45 **Adjourn**  
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