A Look into the Future: Strategic Planning for a Sustainable Long-Term Practice and Retirement

**SUMMARY:** Too many lawyers find themselves approaching the end of their careers trapped by choices they made when they were younger. Younger lawyers could learn a lot from the remarks of their seniors. This program is for anyone who finds themselves saying:

- “I don’t know if I can stand another day of this. I’d walk out tomorrow, but I just don’t know what I’d do with myself.”
- “I can’t afford to retire. What if I live to be 90? I’d outlive my savings way before that.”
- “I’m having fun. I’m happy just to keep working forever.”

This program is designed for attorneys at all stages and ages, especially mid-career attorneys who have the opportunity to strategically chart their own course toward retirement. These planning skills learned are also useful as we advise our own clients on retirement and succession planning.

Whether just entering the workforce or in mid-career — we all need to learn to take care of the retired lawyer we will be someday.

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Thursday, November 16, 2017, 12:00–4:30p

12:00p  **Registration and Networking Lunch** (Lunch included at Live program only)

1:00  **Welcome, Announcements and Introductions**  
Mark M. Scruggs

1:15  **We’re Still Having Fun: Continuing to Practice into your 70s and Beyond**  
Judge William Erwin Spainhour, Margaret M. Hunt and John M. Silverstein  
Many attorneys continue practicing long after most of their colleagues have retired. This panel offers practical tips on how to sustain a practice over the long haul.

2:00  **Taking Care of the Older Lawyer You’re Going to be Someday**†  
Suzanne Brown  
Law Practice is a marathon — not a sprint. You can avoid hitting the wall by making conscious choices and taking deliberate actions today and in the years ahead. Suzanne Brown offers specific examples of things you can do to assure that your practice is healthy and sustainable.

3:00  **Break**

3:15  **Financial Planning for Retirement**  
Laura L. Yaeger  
Financial security allows us to choose when to retire or slow down and keeps us from feeling trapped in a practice that has lost its luster. No matter where you are on your career path, Laura Yaeger offers some practical steps for developing or fine-tuning your personal financial plan.

3:45  **Life Reimagined: Assuring a Creative Retirement with Meaning and Engagement**  
John A. “Sean” Doyle  
Many lawyers find the transition into retirement difficult. They miss the regular contact with colleagues and clients. They find themselves at loose ends. Others regard retirement more as a transition — a new adventure filled with opportunities. Advance preparation for retirement can give you an exciting new chapter in your life.

4:30  **Adjourn**

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- Suzanne Brown, LCSW, LCAS, Suzanne Brown Resources PLLC, Chapel Hill
- John A. “Sean” Doyle, Patheon Inc., Durham
- Margaret M. Hunt, Brevard
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“This program spurred good conversation with my spouse about retirement. It provided us with good resources to guide us as we decide how to wind down our practice.”

“An excellent and timely topic.”

-Attendees, Mapping Your Retirement (2016)