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15th Annual Conference on Guardianship

“Resiliency in Guardianship: Preserving Rights and Responsibilities”

Tuesday, October 19, 2010

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Crowne Plaza Monroe

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About GANJI

The Guardianship Association of New Jersey, Inc. (GANJI) is a not-for-profit organization of professionals, families, and individuals committed to supporting guardians and other surrogate decision makers in enhancing the lives of persons who require assistance.

Our mission is to be a resource for guardians and advocates including families, professionals and concerned individuals who are involved in the lives of persons needing assistance. The organization provides education and a referral network and promotes ethical standards of practice.

This year our program includes two panels and a choice of two out of three workshops.

Schedule

8:00 - 9:00 AM: *Registration and Continental Breakfast*

9:00 - 9:15 AM: *Welcoming Remarks*

President Sharon Rivenson Mark, Esq.
Executive Director Jane Gildersleeve, RG

9:15 – 10:15 AM *Keynote Address*
Surviving and Thriving in the Face of Adversity
Scott Chesney, Verona, NJ
Introduction: Dawn Thomas, LCSW

10:15 – 11:15 AM: *Panel A*

Structuring Limited Guardianships: Where are we now?

Panel Hon. Walter Koprowski, J.S.C.
Essex County
Hon. Donald W. De Leo, Surrogate
Hudson County
Judith Parnes, LCSW
Elder Life Management

Moderator Meredith I. Grocott, Esq.

Schedule (continued)

11:15 – 11:30 AM: *Break*

11:30 – 12:30 PM: *Panel B*

Guardians and Veterans

Panel Daniel G. Giaquinto, Esq., KAC&S
COL NJARNG
Michelle Stefanelli, LCSW
VA Health Care System
Chief Operating Officer
NJ Soldier Home, Menlo Park

Moderator Thomas M. Murphy, Esq.

12:30 - 1:30 PM: *Lunch*

1:30 - 1:45 PM: *Recognition Awards*

Sharon Rivenson Mark, President

Acknowledgements
Keynote Speaker
Community Service
GANJI Service Award
Sponsor Drawing

1:45 - 2:45 PM: *Workshop I (Select One)*

A. Accessing VA Resources

Speaker Donald D. Vanarelli, Esq.
Moderator Kimberly Convery, MSW

B. The Clinical Presentation of Resilience

Speakers Ray Hanbury, Ph.D.
Christopher Gates, Ph.D.
Eunja Talbot, Ph.D., Bancroft
Moderator Dawn Thomas, LCSW

C. Advocacy for Clients in OPG and DDD

Speakers Helen Dodick, Esq., Office of the Public Guardian
Shirley B. Whitenack, Esq.
Moderator Daniel Jurkovic, Esq.

2:45 - 3:00 PM: *Break*

3:00 - 4:00 PM: *Workshop II (Select One)*

A. Accessing VA Resources

Speaker Donald D. Vanarelli, Esq.
Moderator Ethan Kassel, LCSW

B. The Clinical Presentation of Resilience

Speakers Ray Hanbury, Ph.D.
Christopher Gates, Ph.D.
Eunja Talbot, Ph.D., Bancroft
Moderator Joan Kakascik, Ed.D.

C. Advocacy for Clients in OPG and DDD

Speakers Helen Dodick, Esq., Office of the Public Guardian
Shirley B. Whitenack, Esq.
Moderator Sharon Rivenson Mark, Esq.

4:00 PM: *Please visit CEU Table and turn in evaluation sheets*

Who Should Attend

This program is designed to be of interest to attorneys, social workers, psychologists, professional and family guardians, health care professionals, geriatric care managers, and others who work with individuals caring for persons with disabilities as a result of age, injury, developmental or mental illness.

Continuing Education Credits

This course is intended for the intermediate and advanced practitioner. Certificates will be awarded at the conclusion of the Conference, based upon attendance and completion of course evaluation.

Social Workers - please contact trose@eldercarefamily.com for information about CEs.

Psychologists - This course is co-sponsored by the New Jersey Psychological Association and GANJI. NJPA is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. NJPA maintains responsibility for this program and its contents. Attendance at this program qualifies for 6 CE credits for psychologists.

Attorneys - CLE credit pending from the New Jersey Board on Continuing Legal Education.

CALAS and LNHAs - credit pending from the New Jersey Nursing Home Administrators Licensing Board.

Registered Guardians - credit pending from the Center for Guardianship Certification.

Course Objectives

At the conclusion of this program, participants will:

- ◆ Be familiar with how to turn adversity into an opportunity
- ◆ Understand the structure and applicability of the limited guardianship
- ◆ Be aware of the needs of the returning veteran
- ◆ Understand the financial, medical and social benefits available to the veteran through the VA system and public entitlement programs
- ◆ Understand how to identify and develop resiliency skills in clients
- ◆ Be familiar with advocacy roles of OPG and DDD

Travel Directions

NJ Turnpike (N/S): Take Exit 8A, stay left after tolls, go around ramp, make right into hotel. 609-655-4775

Special Needs Information

The Crowne Plaza Monroe is a barrier free location; if you require special assistance please call GANJI by October 1 to discuss your requirements.

Registration Form

Please circle your Workshop choices below:

Workshop I	A	B	C
Workshop II	A	B	C

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Town, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

State/License#: _____

Registration Information

Includes continental breakfast, lunch, program and program materials.

Program Fees:

Professional: \$110 per person

GANJI Member: \$ 75 per person

Family, Clergy, Student or

Volunteer: \$ 45 per person

Exhibitors: \$350 Fee includes 1 set of materials, table and 2 chairs

Registration at door. Refunds given upon valid request. Concerns should be addressed to the Executive Director.

Method of Payment

Mail check or money order payable to GANJI. Registration forms may be faxed to GANJI at 908-879-9311. Pre-registrations must be received by 10/12/10. Registrations after 10/12/10 will be handled at the door.

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