



16th Annual Conference on Guardianship

October 27, 2011

*“The Rights of the Ward: Thinking
Outside the Box”*

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.

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
Treasurer	Pamela Avraham, CPA, RG

9:15 – 10:15 AM: *Keynote Address*

Balancing Autonomy & Protection

Joseph B. Young, Esq.
Disability Rights New Jersey

10:15 – 11:15 AM: *Panel A: The Spectrum of Capacity*

Panel	Hon. Frank M. Ciuffani, P.J.S.C., Middlesex County Lucille M. Esralew, Ph.D.
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Moderator Anthony J. Serra, Esq.

11:15 - 11:30 AM: *Break*

Schedule (continued)

11:30 – 12:30 PM: *Panel B: Profiles of Limited Guardianships*

Panel	Lori McNeely, Esq. Harry O’Malley, Dep. Surrogate, Mercer County Marcie Cooper, MSW, LCSW, C-ASWCM
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Moderator Nina E. Weiss, Esq.

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

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

Sharon Rivenson Mark, Esq., President
Acknowledgements
Keynote Speaker
Community Service
GANJI Service Award
Sponsor Drawing

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

A. *Medicare and Medicaid Updates*

Speaker Mary McGeary, MSW, NJ SHIP
Moderator Kimberly A. Convery, MSW

B. *Cutting Through the Red Tape for DD and TBI Clients*

Speakers Joseph Amoroso, NJ DDS
Cherry Oakley, Neighbours, Inc.
Moderator Michael DiLella, NJ BGS

C. *The Guardian’s Guide to Medical Decision-Making*

Speakers Christine O’Donnell, Esq.
Lydia Lawson, MD
Moderator Connie Rosenberg, MPS, RN, CMC

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

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

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Moderator Paula Barber, MSW, LCSW

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Moderator Joan Kakascik, Ed.D.

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Lydia Lawson, MD
Moderator Amy Miano, MSW, LCSW, C-ASWCM

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