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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ARCC Grant Application Information

The Alzheimer's Resource Coordination Center (ARCC) within the Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging is pleased to announce a solicitation for Alzheimer's services program grants for the grant year beginning July 1, 2016. The ARCC is requesting grant applications for respite care services as well as educational interventions for persons with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders (ADRD), their families, and caregivers. For more information, please click [here](#).

Elder Law Committee is seeking comments

The Elder Law Committee (ELC) of the SC Bar, in cooperation with the SC Association of Probate Judges Article 5 Committee, has spent the last year working on recommendations to improve the process for appointment of guardians and conservators in SC Probate Courts. Starting in February 2015 and continuing until July 2015, the SC Bar publicized the ELC's goals for amending Article 5 of the Probate Code relating to guardianships and conservatorships, along with a list of changes being considered. The public had an opportunity to comment on those goals—and the comments were overwhelmingly favorable of the goals established by the SC Bar. All comments were considered, and many of the suggestions made by the public were incorporated into the drafted changes to Article 5. The completed code, with all of the drafted changes, is available [here](#). You may also find a list of the established goals with some of the recommended changes relating to each goal by [clicking here](#). Written comments may be sent by e-mail to article5comments@scbar.org or mailed to the South Carolina Bar, Attn. Caitlin Watson, P.O. Box 608, Columbia, SC 29202. Comments must be submitted by March 11, 2016.

EVENTS

Webinar: SC Department of Consumer Affairs; Detect. Deter. Defend: ID Theft & You

Wednesday, February 24th from 2 pm-3pm

Join SCDCA's Marti Phillips, Director of the ID Theft Unit for a comprehensive webinar on what steps you should be taking to avoid becoming a victim of one of the nation's fastest growing crimes. Click [here](#) to register.

Webinar: SC Home and Community-Based Services Statewide Transition Plan: Revisions

Wednesday, February 24th from 11 am-1pm

The SC Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Statewide Transition Plan is going through a second public comment period due to changes made in the plan per Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requirements. The webinar review the changes made to the plan and provide an opportunity for the public to ask questions and make comments. Click [here](#) to register.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Bills to watch for consideration in 2016:

- H.3768 (Similar- S.1050): SC Able Savings Program
- H.3999: Health Care Decisions
- H.4627 (Similar- S. 908, H. 3444): SC Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act

- S.257: Electronic Monitoring
- S.290: Vulnerable Adult and Senior Citizen Protection Act
- S.777: Veteran Affairs
- S.778 (Similar- H.4827): S.C. Uniform Power of Attorney Act

FREE LEGAL CLINICS

The South Carolina Bar sponsors free legal clinics around the state. There will be various clinics throughout the month of February focusing on the following topics: Wills, Estates and Probate; Senior Scams; End of Life Issues and Senior Issues. For more information about the clinics, or to schedule a clinic for your organization, contact Debbie Morris at debbie.morris@scbar.org. You can find the schedule **here**.

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