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Can My Advance Directives Travel Across State Lines?

By: Charlie Sabatino

America is a very mobile society. Not only do we move around a lot, many are willing to travel to get health care, especially for complex, specialty treatment. How well do our wishes travel with us across state lines and across health systems?

[Read the full article online.](#)

Recap: 2016 National Aging and Law Conference

One in 23. That's the number of cases of elder abuse that are reported to the authorities, according to a 2011 study shared on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website. And the statistic makes clear that too many incidents of elder abuse remain unaddressed, leading organizers of the 2016 National Aging and Law Conference to theme their event: "Justice for elders."

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Three Low-Cost Ways to Do Outreach and Education on Elder Abuse

By: Keith Morris

Many of our senior legal hotline programs are starting new model approaches grants, all of them with some focus on addressing the problem of elder abuse. I thought it would be a good time to share some tips I have picked up over the years regarding

How to Find Medicare Law

By: Sidney Zahabizadeh

This article by one of the Commission's Fall Externs provides background on researching Medicare Law.

American Bar Endowment Opportunity Grants Program

doing low-cost or free outreach and education.

New Commissioner Profiles

Each September 1, a new roster of commissioners is appointed by the ABA president. Most commissioners serve for multiple years with a handful of new faces starting in any given year. This year, we have four new commissioners; here are their short biographies.

Commission Director Sabatino Named One of Next Avenue's 2016 Influencers in Aging

Next Avenue, public media's first and only digital publication dedicated to covering issues for older Americans, has named its 2016 Influencers in Aging. Commission Director Charlie Sabatino has been recognized for his work in advocating legal rights.

The Commission's Fall 2016 Legal Externs

This Fall, the Commission welcomes two legal externs.

The American Bar Endowment (ABE) has adopted an Opportunity Grants Program, to support smaller, innovative programs and projects by eligible grantees that fit within the mission of the ABE. Grant applications must be submitted to the ABE by November 30, 2016, for consideration.

New Caregiving Report from the National Academy of Medicine: Family Caring for an Aging America

The demand for family caregivers for adults who are 65 or older is increasing significantly, and family caregivers need more recognition, information, and support to fulfill their responsibilities and maintain their own health, financial security, and well-being, says a new report from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine.

2017 National Aging and Law Conference

Save the Date!

Save the date for next year's National Aging and Law Conference in convenient Silver Spring, Maryland, a short 20-minute metro ride from downtown Washington, DC. NALC2017 will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Silver Spring, MD, on October 26-27, 2017.

About Bifocal

Bifocal is distributed six times a year to a variety of professionals interested in law and aging. It is a publication of the American Bar Association's Commission on Law and Aging, whose mission is to strengthen and secure the legal rights, dignity, autonomy, quality of life, and quality of care of elders. It carries out this mission through research, policy development, technical assistance, advocacy, education, and training on a wide range of law-related issues, including: legal services to older persons; health and long-term care; housing; professional ethical issues; Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and other public benefit programs; guardianship; elder abuse; health care decision-making; pain management and end-of-life care; dispute resolution; and court-related needs of older persons.

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