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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Elder Law Month**

May is National Elder Law Month. This year, the Elder Law Committee and the South Carolina Bar will be celebrating Elder Law Month in several different ways. The SC Bar will be posting on Facebook and Twitter throughout the month with different facts and tips regarding elder law issues; there will be an article in the *South Carolina Lawyer* May publication regarding the new Power of Attorney statute; and attorneys will be presenting throughout the state on elder law issues to different groups. Click here for a list of speaking engagements in which Elder Law attorneys will be participating in May.

### **Free Screening and Discussion of the PBS FRONTLINE Documentary *Being Mortal***

Based on the bestselling book by Dr. Atul Gawande, this film explores the hopes of patients and families facing terminal illness and their relationships with the doctors, nurses and family members who care for them. The event is scheduled from 10 a.m. until noon on Tuesday, April 11, at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. For additional information, please click here. Questions may be directed to The Carolinas Center at (803) 509-1021 or [info@cchospice.org](mailto:info@cchospice.org).

### **Senior Citizen Day at the State House**

The month of May is recognized nationally as Older Americans Month. This year's theme, "Age Out Loud," is designed to amplify the many voices of older Americans and raise awareness of aging issues across the country. On Thursday, May 4, 2017, the Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging will host Senior Citizen Day at the State House in recognition of Older Americans Month. For more information, please click here.

### **U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging**

On March 29<sup>th</sup>, the Committee on Aging held hearings on "The Arc of Alzheimer's: From Preventing Cognitive Decline in Americans to Assuring Quality Care for those Living with the Disease." To view the hearing or download the testimony, click here.

## TRAINING

### **Vulnerable Adult Guardian ad Litem Volunteer Training**

The South Carolina Vulnerable Adult Guardian ad Litem Program is recruiting new volunteers to serve as guardians ad litem for vulnerable adults in South Carolina. Volunteers advocate for the best interests of vulnerable adults who have been abused, neglected, or exploited and who are under the custody of the South Carolina Department of Social Services. New volunteer training will take place at the LGOA Office, 1301 Gervais Street, Suite 350, Columbia, SC 29201. Registration begins at 9:30 AM, and the training lasts until 4:30 PM. For more information on volunteering, please click here.

## FREE LEGAL CLINICS

The South Carolina Bar sponsors free legal clinics around the state focusing on the following topics: Elder Law; End of Life Issues; Senior Issues; Powers of Attorney; Wills, Estates and Probate; and Senior Scams. You can find the schedule here. For more information about the clinics, or to schedule a clinic for your organization, contact Debbie

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