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PUBLICATIONS

***Public Guardianship- A Call to Action*, by Michael S. Large, Esq.**

South Carolina does not have a public guardianship program and the current protection systems for incapacitated adults have significant gaps. Without a public guardianship program, our state's most vulnerable people have no support system, which both endangers and/or restricts protections for them. Mr. Large provides an overview of the previous efforts for guardianship reform in South Carolina's and the future steps the state is taking to create long-term support for systemic changes and a framework for a successful public guardianship program. [Click here to view the full article.](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

One Year Update- Long-Term Care Task Force

The report provides an update on the processes and structure developed to achieve the 30 recommendations to improve the state's system of long-term services and supports that are outlined in June 2015's *Creating Direction: A Guide for Improving Long-Term Care in South Carolina*. [To view the report, click here.](#)

EVENTS

Ageing Gracefully Conference: July 29, 2016

The S.C. Medical Association in conjunction with the S.C. Coalition for the Seriously Ill, Roper St. Francis, and All About Seniors will hold the annual Ageing Gracefully Conference on Friday, July 29 in Charleston at the Trident Technical College campus. The Ageing Gracefully conference is dedicated to bringing information regarding the various issues faced by the aging adult through education and preparation. [Click here for registration information.](#)

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Adult Students with Disabilities Educational Rights Consent Act

The Elder Law Committee and Education Law Committee proposed legislation that was sponsored by the SC Bar to provide a means for an educational representative to be appointed to consent to educational services for adult students age 18 to 21 who have not been declared to be incapacitated but who cannot consent to their education. This legislation, H. 5021(Adult Students with Disabilities Educational Rights Consent Act), was signed into law on June 5, 2016. You can find a fact sheet on H. 5021 by [clicking here.](#)

Other legislation proposed by the SC Bar's Probate, Estate Planning and Trust Section, S. 777 (Veterans Affairs/Probate) and S. 778 (Uniform Power of Attorney Act), were also signed into law on June 9, 2016.

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 Morris at debbie.morris@scbar.org.

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