

Friday, January 23, 2026

8:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Elder Law Committee

3.0 MCLE Credit Hours, including 3.0 Probate and Estate Planning Specialization credit hours

Supreme Court Commission on CLE Course #: 260233

Room Location: 203-205

Trust Issues Arising in Estate Planning and Special Needs/Medicaid Planning

The panel will focus on trusts, particularly special needs trusts. Specific topics include the use of special needs trust in Medicaid planning, estate planning, and protective procedures. The seminar will also cover how the SECURE Act impacts trusts and how ABLE accounts may be useful as alternatives to special needs trusts. Finally, the speakers will have a Q&A session in which the audience is encouraged to ask any questions on these topics.

Agenda

8:30 – 9:15 a.m. Special Needs Trusts-First Party and Third Party

Sarah St. Onge
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9:15 – 10:15 a.m. Probate Court Proceeding and Trusts

Andrew J. Atkins
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10:15 – 10:30 a.m. Break

10:30 – 11:15 a.m. SECURE Act

Mitchel C. Payne
Mitchel C. Payne, Attorney at Law
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11:15 – 11:30 a.m. ABLE Act Accounts

Barbara E. Brunson
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11:30 – 11:45 a.m. Question and Answer

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