

## 2009 Annual Report

**Division/Section/Committee Title: Elder Law Section**

**Date: December 21, 2009**

**Chair/Co-chairs: Barbara Ann Michael (through (8/19/2009)  
Laurie A. Hedrich (8/20/2009 to present)**

### **Activities Undertaken Since Last Report:**

- Section meetings were held in January, March, May, and September 2009.
- Our Sixth Annual Elder Law Seminar was held on May 8, 2009 and was well-attended. Robert Fleming, a Fellow of both the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, and certified as a Specialist in Estate and Trust Law in Arizona was the speaker and covered areas of interest in the practice of elder law.
- Our annual meeting was held in conjunction with and prior to the Seminar on May 8, 2009.
- The Section granted a scholarship/stipend in the amount of \$800 to Senior Citizens Law Center to send a staff attorney (Marsha Shasteen) to attend the Consumer Rights Litigation Conference and Consumer Class Action Symposium. October 22-25, 2009 in Philadelphia, with the information to be shared with the Section in a Continuing Legal Education Program as well as in the required written report.
- The Section and the Solo & Small Firm Section cohosted a CLE/Social on November 20 at Seasons, where Judge Alan Malott was the speaker on the topic of "The Motion Practice Rule and Other Ways to Irritate your Judge."
- The Section prepared a flyer to invite non-lawyers to be members of the Section, which was distributed at the annual New Mexico Guardianship Association Meeting on section. We wanted to get it done in time for the Guardianship event tomorrow at El Pinto. I plan on getting about 100 printed on color paper for tomorrow and future events.
- \$100.00 was donated (1/2 to Crossroads for Women and 1/2 to Equal Access to Justice) in Brian E. Jennings memory from the Section.

**Ongoing Activities:**

- **Planning is underway for the Seventh Annual Elder Law Seminar to be held in the Spring 2010.**
- **Planning is underway to determine the feasibility for a semi annual email newsletter to Section Members and an update to the website.**
- **The Section is engaged in an on-going discussion about outreach to non-lawyers and a review of what is happening in other states with regard to collaboration among elder law professionals.**
- **Our budget balance is \$497.82 +/- is not in excess of one year's worth of dues, and will be carried into 2010.**
- **Scholarships for Elder Law national conventions (funds permitting)**
  
- **The Section Chair for 2010 is:  
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- **The next Elder Law Section Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 14, 2010 at Noon at the State Bar Building or via teleconference.**
- **Please direct any agenda items to the undersigned.**

**Issues Requiring Board of Bar Commissioner Action: (Provide supplemental materials when applicable.)**

**Sincerely,**

**Laurie A. Hedrich**