

PROBATE COURT OF MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA
APPOINTED LAWYER TRAINING SEMINAR
COURTROOM NUMBER 1, THIRD FLOOR
MOBILE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ANNEX
MOBILE, AL

December 14, 2023

AGENDA

9:00 a.m.	Opening Remarks - Welcome	Don Davis, Judge of Probate
9:05 a.m.	Obtaining Access To Court's Benchmark-Landmark Computer Programs and Court's Internet Website - Tips On How To Monitor Pending Cases In Judicial Division	Miranda Phelps, IT Director
9:30 a.m.	Practice Tips Regarding Compensation for Appointed Lawyers	Melissa King, Esq., Deputy Chief Clerk
	◆ General points	Melissa King, Esq.
	◆ All matters EXCEPT mental health cases	Renee Jerkins, Financial Administrator
	◆ Mental health involuntary commitment cases	Renee Jerkins
9:45 a.m.	Obtaining Medical Records - Generally (EXCEPT mental health cases)	Melissa King, Esq.
	◆ Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure	
	◆ Subpoena requests	
10:00 a.m.	Duties of guardians ad litem, administrators ad litem and court representatives	Mark Erwin, Esq., Chief Clerk
10:15 a.m.	Practice tips for guardians ad litem, administrators ad litem and court representatives	Brian Murphy, Esq.
10:30 a.m.	BREAK	
10:45 a.m.	Key Aspects of Service of Process on Parties In Interest; Key Alabama Civil Procedure Rules To Note In Probate Cases; Key Evidentiary Rules To Note In Probate Cases; How To Admit A Document Into Evidence; Key Points Appointed Lawyers Should Note Regarding Hearings Where	Duane A. Graham, Esq.

Wills Being Offered For Probate, Where A Lost Will Being Admitted For Probate; What Is A Self-Proved Will

11:45 LUNCH BREAK

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| 1:00 p.m. | Obtaining and Reviewing Medical Records In Mental Health Cases From Medical Providers Except AltaPoint Health Systems, Inc. (EastPointe Hospital) | Ruth Clute, Esq. |
| 1:20 p.m. | Accessing Medical Records In Mental Health Cases From AltaPointe Health Systems, Inc. (EastPointe Hospital) | Mr. Kartik Joshi |
| 1:30 p.m. | Practice tips for guardians ad litem and advocates in mental health commitment cases | Lisa Deen, Esq.
Annette Carwie, Esq. |
| 2:00 p.m. | Ethical Considerations for guardians ad litem Representation of Client With Diminished Mental Capacity | Roman Shaul, Esq., General Counsel, Alabama State Bar |
| 3:00 p.m. | BREAK | |
| 3:15 p.m. | Qualification and Examination Of A Medical Expert Witness

◆ Witness' personal credentials - to support being deemed an expert witness
◆ Hearsay Evidence Rule - Business Records Exception | Brenda Pierce, Esq. |
| 3:30 p.m. | Key Points Concerning Mental Illness That Lawyers Should Know Relating To Involuntary Commitment Cases | Luke Engeriser, M.D.
Deputy Medical Officer
AltaPointe Health Systems, Inc. |
| 4:15 p.m. | Court's Expectations Of Appointed Lawyers Questions And Answers | Don Davis, Judge of Probate |
| 4:30 p.m. | Adjournment | |