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Estate Planning & Probate Section Upcoming Events

Please plan to attend the section breakfasts on the third Wednesday of every month at the Buckhead Club:

- November 14
- December 12
- [Check the Atlanta Bar Calendar for more details!](#)

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New Trust, Power of Attorney, and Digital Asset Laws

by Sarah E. Siedentopf, Siedentopf Law

On Wednesday, June 13th, 2018, Nick Djuric spoke at the Estate Planning & Probate Section's breakfast. Mr. Djuric is the chair of the Legislation Committee and the Trust Code Revision Committee of the State Bar of Georgia Fiduciary Law Section and a shareholder at Bowden Spratt Law Firm. He gave a detailed update on the revisions to the trust code and power of attorney and digital asset laws.

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Crossroad of Divorce Law and Estate Planning

by Kim C. Martin, Nadler Biernath LLC

On May 15, 2018, Craig Frankel, of Gaslowitz Frankel LLC, and Tony Turner, of Cohen, Pollock, Merlin Turner, P.C., delivered an engaging presentation about the planning opportunities and pitfalls that occur when divorce and estate planning collide. Divorce planning, they caution, should begin before the marriage, starting with a prenuptial agreement. A well-drafted prenuptial agreement should include a disclosure of the assets and liabilities of each spouse. The agreement should specify that each spouse relinquishes the right to make a claim against the estate of the other in the event of death; it should also state either a cash amount or otherwise define how to divide assets in the event of divorce. Complete disclosure of each partner's assets is important because incomplete disclosure can result in an unenforceable agreement.

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Ethics for Estate Planning & Probate Lawyers

by Samantha C. Page, The Saylor Law Firm LLP

On May 9, 2018, our Section held a breakfast featuring Paula J. Frederick, General Counsel for the State Bar of Georgia, who discussed recent developments in legal ethics. We thank Ms. Frederick for her presentation, which is summarized in the link below.

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Professor Mary F. Radford Gives Her Annual Fiduciary Law Update at the Estate Planning and Probate Section Spring Luncheon

by Allison L. Byrd, Morgan & DiSalvo, P.C.

The Estate Planning and Probate Section of the Atlanta Bar Association was privileged to welcome Professor Mary F. Radford as the featured speaker at the April 18, 2018 Annual Spring Luncheon, at which she discussed recent developments in Georgia fiduciary law. Professor Radford also presented on this topic on July 14, 2018, at the 53rd Annual Fiduciary Law Institute in St. Simons, Georgia, by which time, the proposed bills from the 2017-2018 legislative session had either passed into law or been vetoed or pocket-vetoed. This article will include the current status of the most noteworthy bills.

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Volunteer while networking with fellow section members!

This year, the Board of Directors for our Section is trying something we've never done before, setting up networking opportunities with a charitable focus.

- **The first such opportunity will be at North Fulton Community Charities (NFCC)**, a charitable organization located in Roswell, Georgia that provides financial assistance to over 10,000 needy families and individuals in communities north of the Chattahoochee River, including Alpharetta, Cumming, Johns Creek, Milton, Mountain Park and Roswell. NFCC has several projects staffed by volunteers, including seasonal activities such as its Warm Coats drive in October and Holiday assistance programs for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Year round volunteer opportunities include supporting NFCC's Thrift Shop, Food Pantry, Intake Desk or serving as an instructor in its Education and Enrichment programs.
- **The Board intends to organize a group activity for our members interested** in volunteering at NFCC. The volunteer activity we select depends on the Section's level of interest and we need a head count and lead time to make arrangements for our participation. So if you are interested in this volunteer activity please fill out the sign-up sheet that will be circulated at the October breakfast. If you are interested in volunteering but cannot attend the October breakfast, please email Hamida-Jackson-Little at hjlittle@hjlittle-law.com.

If you have any ideas for networking with a charitable focus, please email your Section Chair, Jacquelyn H. Saylor at jsaylor@saylorlaw.com and be on the lookout for more networking/volunteer opportunities in the upcoming months, including evening activities and opportunities downtown!

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