



A Rhode Island Bar Association CLE Seminar

Representing Clients With Diminished Capacity: Legal and Ethical Issues

Wednesday, May 22, 2013
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

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has been approved by the MCLE Commission for
3.0 RICLE credits, 2.0 of which will apply to ethics

Speakers

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Can you represent a client with diminished capacity? Who is your client and what are your ethical obligations? When is guardianship necessary? Join us for this informative review of the issues that surround managing an individual's health care needs and finances as questions impacting their decision making ability arise.

The speakers will provide a refresher on the basics of the advance directives (i.e., health care power of attorney, and durable financial powers of attorney, and living wills) that become essential when someone faces a health concern affecting his or her capacity. They will also discuss guardianship applications in situations where diminished capacity is evident or suspected and there are no or incomplete advanced directives in place.

In addition, utilizing hypothetical examples, panelists will address the ethical and procedural "what ifs" that can arise such as: conflicts between designees and/or family members, patient or physician objections, directives that only cover personal and not financial decisions, and disclosure restrictions on medical information.

