MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR – REBECCA MORGAN

Dear Section Members,

Hi everyone. It’s been quite a year and an exciting time to be teaching law. My administrative law colleagues are quite pleased to see administrative law in vogue and I’m sure we have all had the chance to talk with our students at some point in the academic year about Medicare for All. Dick Kaplan and Larry Frolik published a new edition of the nutshell (thank you guys) and guardianship law (and reform) continues to make headlines.

With all these and other developments, the topic of the Section’s program at the annual meeting, *Emerging Issues in Elder Law*, is timely. We are thrilled that the program has a number of other sections co-sponsoring it: civil rights, criminal justice, family and juvenile law, employee benefits and executive compensation, and immigration law sections. Mark your calendars to attend this program, scheduled for Friday, January 3 from 8:30-10:15 a.m. Former Section Chair, Mark Bauer, will moderate the program as well as the present Chair. The business meeting will be held at the conclusion of the program, with Naomi Cahn assuming leadership of the section.

Happy grading and here’s to a great spring semester!
ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION

AALS 2020

Aging and the Law Section Program, Co-Sponsored by Civil Rights, Criminal Justice, Family and Juvenile Law, Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation, and Immigration Law Sections.

Friday, Jan. 3, 8:30-10:15 (10:15-10:30– Business Meeting)

This session will look at emerging issues in elder law, including compassionate release and early release; immigration law and policy as it impacts the health of older adults; gray divorce, marriage, and cohabitation; art and older women; and consumer protection.

Moderator: Mark D. Bauer, Stetson University College of Law

Panelists:

Naomi R. Cahn, The George Washington University Law School
Jalila Jefferson-Bullock, Duquesne University School of Law
Browne C. Lewis, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law at Cleveland State University
Rachel E. Lopez, Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law
Wendy E. Parmet, Northeastern University School of Law

SECTION LEADERSHIP

The Section on Aging and the Law will vote on leadership for the 2020-2021 year at a Business Meeting following the AALS Annual Meeting program on January 3, 2020. Duties include working with other leadership to plan the AALS Annual Meeting program and to work on other efforts to promote the role of aging and the law in legal education and beyond. Most meetings occur via conference call.

Nominations for leadership positions will be received until December 30, 2020, and may be made by emailing Mary Helen McNeal at mhmcneal@law.syr.edu. The current slate of nominations for Section positions is as follows: Chair – Naomi Cahn; Vice-Chair – Mary Helen McNeal; Secretary – Open; and Treasurer – Alex Boni-Saenz. Other Executive Committee member nominations are Richard Kaplan, Rebecca Morgan, Alicia Kelley, Joan Foley, Nina Kohn, and Jessica Dixon Weaver.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Syracuse University College of Law is hosting a one-day Symposium on “Interdisciplinary Approaches to Elder Justice: Unlocking the Potential of Restorative Justice,” on Friday, April 3, 2020. Presenters include international experts on restorative justice as well as experts from the fields of medicine, social work, psychiatry, and law. To register, go to law.syr.edu/elder_justice_and_restorative_practice. For more information, contact Professor Mary Helen McNeal at mhmcneal@law.syr.edu.

From Stetson’s Center for Excellence in Elder Law:

In conjunction with Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody, the Stetson Center hosted a webinar series for law enforcement and prosecutors on a variety of topics in handling financial exploitation cases. For more information, see https://www.stetson.edu/law/academics/elder/home/webinar-series.php

The Stetson Center completed a grant project funded by the May and Stanley Smith Charitable Trust. Two of the funded projects included a series of short videos for beneficiaries of special needs trusts and their families and a best practices guide for parents.

Both webinars are available at https://www.stetson.edu/law/academics/elder/home/life-pass-project.php
Naomi Cahn is the Reporter for the Uniform Law Commission’s Drafting Committee on the Economic Rights of Unmarried Cohabitants. If anyone is interested in joining the Committee as an Observer, please sign up here:  https://www.uniformlaws.org/followulc

Kenney Hegland and Larry Frolik are writing an advice book for seniors, *The Book of Concerns*. It should be out by January, and Kenny describes it as “funny, readable and helpful. “ Kenney has just produced a short video for families considering hospice and for families with a loved one in hospice, *Go Gentle into that Goodnight*. It’s on YouTube. (He writes that “Hopefully, it will mean that many will not die, hooked to a machine, in ICU.”)

Lynn Kohm received the Faculty Award for Excellence in outstanding contributions to scholarship at Regent University Fall 2019.

Nina Kohn was elected to the American Law Institute in December 2019. She will be visiting at Yale Law School in the spring, 2020 semester.

Kate Mewhinney of Wake Forest University School of Law was invited to participate in an international conference on “The Future of Gerontology” at Ben-Gurion University and the University of Haifa, Israel. She will be one of the international scholars in different fields of aging (law, psychology, sociology, geriatrics, anthropology and more) from the USA, Canada, India, UK, and Australia. Mewhinney will participate in both closed (invitees only) sessions and open public events, and also taught a unit on “Consumer Issues in Long Term Care” for the Master of Studies in Law (MSL) program. To learn more about these innovative on-line courses, go to https://msl.law.wfu.edu/certificate/.

Kate Mewhinney will be retiring in the summer of 2020 from her position as the Wake Forest University School of Law Elder Law Clinic’s managing attorney.

Rebecca Morgan along with Jason Palmer of Stetson University became the faculty advisors for the *Journal of Comparative and International Aging, Law & Policy*. The 10th volume is now available, and the 11th volume will be published late in the spring. We are now taking submissions for volume 12. For more information, see  https://www.stetson.edu/law/agingjournal/index.php
NEWS AND NEWSWORTHY


Richard Kaplan - Publications:

Book:
  - ELDER LAW IN A NUTSHELL (7th ed. 2019) (with Lawrence A. Frolik).

Articles/book chapters:

Presentations:
  - Evaluating Three Models for Compensating Family Caregivers, Asian Conference on Aging & Gerontology, Kobe, Japan.
  - What Actually Happened When Tax Reform Finally Happened, Indiana Tax Institute, Indianapolis.

Lynne Marie Kohm – Publications:

o LYNN D. WARDLE, MARK S. STRASSER, LYNNE MARIE KOHM, AND TANYA WASHINGTON, FAMILY LAW FROM MULTIPLE PERSPECTIVES 2D ED. (West 2019).

o LYNNE MARIE KOHM AND KATHLEEN E. AKERS, JANE AUSTEN’S LAW & ECONOMICS (forthcoming Lexington 2019).

Nina Kohn - Publications:

Book:


Articles:


o Nina A. Kohn, Old Age in an Era of Migrant Elder Care, 15 INTERNATIONAL J. OF LAW IN CONTEXT 234 (2019).


Tara Sklar - Publications:

o Will the Law Let You Age Well? Digital Health Privacy in Senior Living, J. Active Aging (2019) (co-author, with Richard Carmona et al.)


o Characteristics of Lawyers who are Subject to Complaints and Misconduct Findings, 17 J. Empirical Legal Stud. 2 (2019) (co-author, with Yamna Taouk, et al.) (SSRN)


o Preparing to Age in Place: The Role of Medicaid Waivers in Elder Abuse Prevention, 28 Ann. of Health L. 2 (2019) (co-author, with Rachel Zuraw) (SSRN)
Presentations:

- **Digital Health Privacy and Age: Legal and Ethical Considerations in Long-Term Care**, Arizona Bioethics Network, Webinar, November 20, 2019.


- **Digital Health Privacy and Age: Quality and Safety Improvement in Long-term Care**, Banner Health Bioethics, University of Arizona, August 19, 2019.


- **Preparing To Age In Place: Role Of Medicaid Waivers In Elder Abuse Prevention**, 2019 Association Of American Law Schools, New Law And Medicine Scholars, New Orleans, January 3, 2019

Thank you! We hope to see you in January at the Annual Meeting!