

# Speakers Bureau

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## **Timothy L. Takacs, CELA**

Tim has literally “written the book” on Elder Law in Tennessee. Recognized as a national leader, he is certified as an elder law attorney by the National Elder Law Foundation and as a Certified Elder Law Specialist by the Tennessee Commission on CLE and Specialization. Tim has been presenting to professionals, attorneys, and community groups for more than 25 years.



## **Barbara Boone McGinnis, CELA**

Barbara provides legal counsel on a wide range of client issues. She is certified as an elder law attorney by the National Elder Law Foundation and as a Certified Elder Law Specialist by the Tennessee Commission on CLE and Specialization. Before receiving her license to practice law in Tennessee, Barbara spent more than 20 years as a Registered Nurse and Gerontological Nurse Practitioner.



## **Debra King, LMSW**

Debra has been on staff as an Elder Care Coordinator at Takacs McGinnis Elder Care Law since 2006, with ten years prior experience as a discharge planner in Nashville. This experience gives her a special understanding of the needs and challenges facing the elderly and their families during every phase of the elder care continuum.



## **Bonnie Woodard**

Bonnie is the Medicare Specialist on staff. With more than 34 years of experience with Medicare, she has a unique ability to help seniors and their families understand all the “in’s” and “out’s” of Medicare. Bonnie can provide information needed to make important Medicare-related decisions.



## **Joshua Bey**

Public Benefits Specialist Joshua Bey spent several years working for Tennessee public benefits agencies, experience that makes him a valuable addition to the Takas McGinnis Elder Care Law team. His expertise equips him with the ability to assist clients and families with Medicaid eligibility and applications.



## **Pati Bedwell**

Elder Care Coordinator Pati Bedwell has worked with the elderly and their families for more than 20 years. Her presentations draw on her experiences helping families navigate the long-term care system and her role as a guide, encourager, counselor, resource gatherer and advocate during the journey.



## **Berkley Crain**

In addition to assisting clients with TennCare, Medicare, Medicaid and Veterans Affairs benefits, Public Benefits Specialist Berkley Crain has a special passion for advocacy work as a field dually concerned with client-specific needs and public health issues.

# Speakers Bureau Topics

Takacs McGinnis Elder Care Law offers experienced and engaging presenters who can address many topics related to the challenges of aging, long-term illness and disability, usually at no charge.

Don't see your topic listed? Just give us a call.

For more information or to book a speaker, call (615) 824-2571 or email [bwoodard@tn-elderlaw.com](mailto:bwoodard@tn-elderlaw.com).

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## **PUBLIC BENEFITS**

- Public Benefits Overview
- Medicaid/TennCare/CHOICES
- Myths about Medicaid
- Ethics of Medicaid Planning
- Medicaid Estate Recovery
- Medicare A, B, C's
- Answers to the Most Important Medicare Questions
- Solving the Mysteries of Medicare
- VA Pension Benefits
- How to Qualify for TennCare Choices Long-Term Support Services

## **LONG-TERM CARE**

- Planning for Long Term Care
- Elder Care Journey and the Danger Zone
- Planning Along the Care Continuum
- Care Transitions
- What is Life Care Planning?
- Getting Older: Ten Survival Tips
- Doctor, What are We Going to Do about Mom?
- The Nursing Home Quiz

## **LEGAL ISSUES**

- What Elder Law Attorneys Do
- Elder Law Basics
- Advanced Directives and Capacity
- Ten Myths about Advance Directives
- Legal Handbook for Seniors in Tennessee
- Special Needs Trusts
- You Have a Durable Power of Attorney...What Now?
- Six Common Myths about Wills

## **CAREGIVING**

- Survival Tips for Elders and their Caregivers
- Caring for the Caregiver
- Helping Survivors Survive
- Understanding Hospice

## **FINANCES**

- Ten Asset Protection Planning Mistakes
- Will I Lose My House to the Nursing Home?
- Estate Planning Basics
- Three Stages of Estate & Asset Protection Planning for Married Couples