



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

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



## **Barbara Boone McGinnis, CELA**

Barbara 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. She is also a VA-accredited attorney. 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.



## **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 Takacs 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**

Public Benefits Specialist Berkley Crain guides clients through the VA benefits application process and offers Medicare counsel to clients. Before joining the firm, Berkley gained valuable experience working for the Tennessee Commission on Aging & Disability and the Tennessee State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP).

# Speakers Corner 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.

Unsure about which topic to choose? Brief session descriptions are available upon request. We are also happy to customize a presentation to fit the needs of your group. For more information or to book a speaker, call (615) 824-2571 or email [education@tn-elderlaw.com](mailto:education@tn-elderlaw.com).

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## For the General Public

The following topics are ideal for presentation to civic groups, community organizations, senior centers, long-term care facilities, caregiver support groups, and more.

- Urban Legends Regarding Estate Planning
- Understanding Your Durable Power of Attorney
- Getting Older: 10 Survival Tips
- Making the Most of Medicare: Comparing Apples and Oranges
- Will I Lose My House to the Nursing Home?
- Making the Most of VA Benefits
- Getting Ducks in a Row: Essential Legal Documents & Understanding the Healthcare Maze
- Life's All about Having a Plan B
- Nursing Home Quiz: Is It Too Late?
- Common Nursing Home Problems/Patient Rights
- The Conflict Box: Overcoming Communication Challenges Between Elders and Their Families

## For Clinicians and Professionals

Presentations on the following topics can be customized to meet the needs of clinical and professional audiences, including attorneys, social workers, case managers, discharge planners, healthcare professionals, and others who service elderly clients and people with disabilities.

- Capacity for Decision Making and Use of Advance Directives
- Common Nursing Home Problems and Nursing Home Reform Law
- Care Planning Along the Elder Care Continuum
- How Care Gets Paid in Today's Elder Care Continuum
- TennCare and CHOICES: Putting the Pieces Together
- A Baker's Dozen of Elder Law Do-Nots

**Ask us about in-service presentations and programs to help fulfill continuing education requirements.**