

# Speakers Corner

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**Timothy L. Takacs, CELA** Tim has literally “written the book” on Elder Law in Tennessee. *Elder Law Practice in Tennessee* covers all aspects of elder law as it currently exists in Tennessee. It was published in 1998 and is updated annually. Recognized as a national leader in the field, he is certified as an elder law attorney by the National Elder Law Foundation 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 is 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.



**Chris Johnson, Attorney** Chris provides legal expertise on a wide range of client issues with a focus on estate planning, VA benefits, and probate. He comes to the firm with 19 years of legal and military experience. Prior to his retirement from military service in 2014, Chris had achieved the rank of Major and was heading the Legal Services Support Team serving Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, N.C.



**Debra King, LCSW** Debra has been on staff as an Elder Care Coordinator 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.



**Pati Bedwell** Pati is an Elder Care Coordinator and 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.



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



**Joshua Hunter** Josh, as a Public Benefits Specialist, helps clients get the most from their Medicare coverage and guides clients through the VA benefits application process. Prior to joining the firm, he worked with the Upper Cumberland Development District's Area Agency on Aging and Disability, where he worked to combat Medicare fraud and managed and trained the team of volunteers providing Medicare assistance to seniors and disabled adults.



**Dana Hentschel** Dana is the firm's Outreach Coordinator. She is also a PAC Certified Independent Trainer through the Teepa Snow Positive Approach, LLC. She is available to train staff and families on how to have more positive interactions with clients and loved ones living with dementia.

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## 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.*

Topics can be customized for CPAs, CFPs, attorneys, case managers, social workers, discharge planners, other healthcare professional or the general public.

You can visit our webpage to learn more about our services, our team and topics relating to not only navigating the legal system, but also navigating different types of care issues.

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

- Why You Shouldn't Put Your Kids on Your Bank Account
- 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?
- What's New with 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: Why won't mom listen to me?
- 10 Asset Protection Mistakes
- The Ethics of Medicaid Planning
- The New Elder Law: What is Life Care?
- Capacity for Decision Making and Use of Advance Directives - CEU in Ethics 
- 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-Not's
- Advocating for Care - A Universal Fight
- Positive Approach to Care - Dementia Training

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