On April 4, 2008

The National Guardianship Association Presents

A Colloquium on Guardianship

Embassy Suites Hotel Chicago O'Hare

Chicago, Illinois

The Rights of Wards

Keynote Presentation by Ira Salzman, Esq.

Ira was one of the distinguished experts selected by the U.S. Senate Committee on Aging to give testimony on guardianship for the elderly and a leading attorney in the prominent Brooke Astor case. A partner in the law firm of Goldfarb Abrandt Salzman & Kutzin LLP with offices in New York City and White Plains, he is a member of the Executive Committee of the Elder Law Section of the NY State Bar Association, the co-chair of its Medicaid subcommittee, and former vice-chair of its Guardianship subcommittee. He is a Fellow of the Brookdale Center on Aging. He is a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys and a former editor of its quarterly journal. He is the co-author of the Guardianship Section of the NY Lawyer's Form Book and authored the chapter on the responsibilities of the attorney for an alleged incapacitated person in guardianship practice in NY.

Specific Issues Addressed by Other Noted Experts Will Include:

- **Voting Rights for Incapacitated Persons**
  Samuel R. Bagenstos, JD, Associate Dean/Professor of Law, Washington University Law, St. Louis
  Anthony E. Rothert, JD, Legal Director, ACLU of Eastern Missouri
- **Interstate Guardianship and the Due Process Rights of Wards**
  Sally B. Hurme, JD, Senior Project Manager with AARP Financial Security, Washington, DC
  Terry W. Hammond, JD, RG, NGA Executive Director and Managing Partner Hammond Townsend Allala
  Anthony Rothert, JD, Legal Director, ACLU of Eastern Missouri
- **Reproductive Rights for Incapacitated Persons**
  (Abortion, Birth Control, Sexual Activities for Disabled Persons)
  Benjamin S. Wolf, JD, Associate Legal Director ACLU of Illinois
  Lorie A. Chaiten, JD, Director, Reproductive Rights Project, ACLU of Illinois
- **Confidentiality Issues and Ward Rights**
  Sandra Kopels, JD, MSW, Professor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- **Using Volunteers to Safeguard Ward Rights**
  Barbara Matlak, RG, Adult Guardianship Services, Cleveland, Ohio
  Becky Pryor, MSN, MA, RG, Creative Approaches, LTD, Indianapolis, Indiana
  M. Jean Krahn, MG, Kansas Guardianship Program, Manhattan, Kansas
  Colleen Colton, MG, Guardianship Services, Inc., Fort Worth, Texas
  Gina Rossi, RG, Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission, Chicago, Illinois

Featuring a luncheon talk on "Guardianships and the Rich and Famous – Mary Todd Lincoln"

Terry W. Hammond, JD, RG, NGA Executive Director and Managing Partner Hammond Townsend Allala

NGA extends its thanks to the Illinois Guardianship Association for its collaboration in developing this program and for its support and encouragement in bringing about the first NGA Colloquium on Guardianship.

Details at: www.guardianship.org

What Will You Experience at NGA's Colloquium?

A colloquium is a scholarly gathering to discuss a specific topic; usually a meeting at which specialists deliver addresses on issues related to the topic and then provide a forum for questions to be answered. NGA's first colloquium will allow guardians to explore issues surrounding The Rights of Wards. Our speakers have been hand-selected for their high level of proficiency and breadth of knowledge on the Colloquium focus. Each presenter brings skills based on experience in dealing with The Rights of Wards and is recognized for expertise in the specific issues we will address. It is hoped this will be the first in a series of annual colloquia held in various parts of the country and on different topics each year.

What Should You Expect at NGA's Colloquium?

How often can a guardian devote an entire day to investigate just one of the issues that are part of every day of practice ... with a group of the nation's most noted experts at hand as a resource .... plus all the minds of other attendees to illuminate the subject in new and exciting ways?

NGA's Colloquium is designed to give guardians a quality education and networking experience while minimizing the expense. The one-day schedule means that many people may not need a hotel room, or require only a one-night stay. For those arriving Thursday, a welcome reception with light refreshments creates another opportunity for professional networking. The luncheon that is included has an entertaining and enlightening presentation.

To maximize your travel and time investment, the Center for Guardianship Certification has scheduled a Registered Guardian certification exam on Thursday, April 3 in conjunction with the Colloquium . NGA will also offer the national certification review course prior to the exam. Attendance at a review course is not required to take the exam, but is strongly recommended. The course and exam are not part of the Colloquium and separate registration is required.

OUR SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

Thursday, April 3

8:30 am - 12:30 pm	NGA Certification Review Course
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Registered Guardian Certification Exam
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Welcome Reception

Friday, April 4

7:00 am	Registration Desk Opens
8:30 am	Session Opens
8:45 am	Voting Rights
10:00 am	Break
10:15 am	Interstate Guardianship
11:45 am	Group Lunch
12:40 pm	Luncheon Presentation
1:00 pm	Keynote Address
1:45 pm	Reproductive Rights
2:30 pm	Break
2:45 pm	Confidentiality Issues
3:45 pm	Using Volunteers
5:00 pm	Colloquium Adjourns

What Will You Learn at NGA's Colloquium?

Voting Rights for Incapacitated Persons

Could, should, would your ward vote? A national symposium on voting and cognitive impairments and a federal case on voting rights for wards have caused a closer look at how to make the voting booth available to all who can and want to vote. This session will:

- Encourage guardians to protect the right of their wards to vote.
- Review current status of state and federal laws, and the division of opinion among two federal circuit courts of appeal.
- Raise awareness of need to retain right to vote and limit deprivation of rights.
- Identify solutions to denials of ward's rights: how to register to vote, when to fight and what to do on Election Day.

Interstate Guardianship & Due Process Rights of Wards

Guardianship issues frequently reach beyond the local court into other states. Confusion reigns when deciding where to file pleadings, whether your authority will be recognized, and how to move your case elsewhere. Both from involvement in cases where such questions have arisen and from participation in drafting of the Uniform Adult Guardianship And Protective Proceedings Jurisdiction Act, our experts will cover details of handling of such issues by

- Reviewing current status of state case law & statutes, emphasizing actual controversies handled by presenters
- Comparing current law with recently completed Uniform Adult Guardianship & Protective Proceedings Jurisdiction Act
- Discussing recommendations of the National College of Probate Judges
- Providing recommendations for handling inter-jurisdictional guardianship conflicts

Keynote Presentation: Rights of Wards

Our distinguished keynote speaker has been lead attorney in litigation to protect the rights of wards and has been called as an expert witness on these issues before the U.S. Senate Committee on Aging. He has had an impact on national legislation and the cases he will review have changed judicial practice and state regulations. His vision and experience provide a broad overview on rights issues.

Reproductive Rights for Incapacitated Persons

This session will explore issues faced by guardians relating to reproductive health care for wards with the objectives:

- To educate guardians about issues and laws relating to reproductive health care of wards.
- Identify issues relating to birth control, abortion and sterilization in the guardianship context.
- Examine issues relating to consent.
- Make recommendations on how to respond to the issues.

Confidentiality Issues and Ward Rights

What liability exists for breaching a ward's confidentiality? Can a guardian or surrogate be held liable for such a breach? What can a guardian or surrogate do to protect a ward or client's rights to privacy, confidentiality in mental health records and bodily integrity?

- Review Illinois and federal confidentiality requirements that impact on adult guardianship practice
- Identify practice areas (civil commitment, forced mental health treatment, sexual activity, physically dangerous wards and clients) in which guardians and attorneys must be aware of potential legal liability

Using Volunteers to Safeguard Ward Rights

Each panelist, representing an active program where trained community volunteers are used to help protect ward rights, will give a brief description of her program addressing basic issues such as: how it was created and funded; role of volunteers; recruitment, screening and training; authority afforded volunteers, size of program, number served, disability types, etc. In an exercise to demonstrate the various philosophies among the programs, each panelist will then answer a series of prepared questions such as: In what ways do volunteers help safeguard the rights of wards? What is needed in order to begin a volunteer guardianship program? How do you retain volunteers? Where do you see volunteer guardianship programs in ten years? How has enlisting volunteers improved the lives of wards? How has it improved the life of the volunteer?

To Review A Biography of Each Speaker Go To:
www.guardianship.org/08Colloquium

Registration Form: 2008 Colloquium on Guardianship

Form may be photocopied and total fee may be paid with one check or credit card.

Register by March 1
For the Early Bird Discount

Complete Name (*Please print clearly*)

Name as you want it to appear on your name badge

Company or Agency/Organization

Mailing Address

City State Zip Code

Daytime Phone Fax

Email (Confirmations will only be sent by email.)

Website

❑ I have a special dietary need or a disability and will require accommodations in order to fully participate in this meeting. Please contact me.

2nd Person

Complete Name (*Please print clearly*)

Name as you want it to appear on your name badge

Email (Confirmations will only be sent by email.)

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This form may be photocopied to add more names.

2008 COLLOQUIUM REGISTRATION

Registration Includes- *Entrance to the education sessions and copies of the supporting materials provided by the speakers, as well as a Welcome Reception on Thursday evening, Friday morning and afternoon breaks, and Friday's group lunch. A complimentary cooked breakfast is provided by the hotel for all their registered guests.*

Early Bird, if registering MARCH 1 OR BEFORE:

Discount For NGA Members
_____ **People @ $175** $ _____

Non-Member Fee
_____ **People @ $200** $ _____

Total Payment for Conference Registration **$** _____

If registering AFTER MARCH 1:

Discount For NGA Members
_____ **People @ $225** $ _____

Non-Member Fee
_____ **People @ $250** $ _____

Total Payment for Conference Registration **$** _____

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE FOR CEUs

If any individual registered on this form requires a certificate to verify attendance, attach the separate form to place that order. However, you may pay for the entire combined fee on this form with one check or credit card. Please note that the Center for Guardianship Certification now requires a certificate for RG and MG recertification.

REGISTRATION PAYMENT (Our Federal ID #: 36-3591860)

TO MAIL payment, make check or money order payable to National Guardianship Association and send with a completed registration form to:

NGA, 174 Crestview Drive, Bellefonte, PA 16823
Toll Free: 877-326-5992

OR FAX the application form with credit card payment noted below to the NGA Registration Office:

Fax: 814-355-2452

Credit Card Information: ❑ Visa ❑ MasterCard

Name on card (print)

Account Number

Exp. Date Signature

TOTAL PAYMENT FOR REGISTRATION AND/OR CERTIFICATE(S) $ _____

No refunds will be issued after March 24, 2008. However, cancellations after March 24 will receive a copy of the Colloquium materials. Changes or cancellations must be made in writing to Terri Breon at info@guardianship.org. Substitutions may be made.

174 Crestview Drive
Bellefonte, PA 16823

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About Continuing Education Credits

Guardianship Credits

NGA's Colloquium is approved for Registered and Master Guardian continuing education credits by the Center for Guardianship Certification (formerly National Guardianship Foundation). A Certificate of Attendance is now required by the CGC as part of their recertification process.

Legal Credits

Continuing Legal Education credit will be applied for in Illinois and the surrounding states of Kentucky, Indiana, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota and Michigan.

Obtaining Credits

This Colloquium program has a total of 6.5 potential credit hours. Because each accrediting body must approve the program prior to assigning credits, the specific number of credits accepted by each state will not be confirmed until the Colloquium. Keep in mind that not all hours may be deemed acceptable for all areas of education.

Certificate of Attendance

Fees charged for a Certificate of Attendance vary from $10 to $25 depending on the type of credit, and are based in part on the costs NGA incurs to be accredited. Fees may be paid in advance by completing the Certificate Request Form included with this brochure and found on the website. NGA must also receive your attendance sign in sheets, provided at the Colloquium, to issue a Certificate of Attendance. All certificates will be sent via email or U.S. mail following the Colloquium.

A general certificate will also be available for purchase by individuals who wish to pursue credits from states that were not pre-approved. Those purchasing a general certificate can use the document to follow procedures in applying for CEU approval on their own in their state.

Use the inserted form to individually order and pay for a Certificate of Attendance prior to the Conference.

CGC Registered Guardian Exam & NGA Review Course
Offered Thursday, April 3

Separate registration is required for both the course and exam.
Exam details are at www.guardianshipcert.org
Course information and registration is at www.guardianship.org

Hotel Reservations

Embassy Suites Hotel Chicago O'Hare
5500 North River Road
Rosemont, IL 60018
Phone: 847-678-4000 or 800-Embassy
www.embassyohare.com

Group Room Rates: $149 single/double occupancy with a king or $159 single/double occupancy with two double beds, plus local taxes (currently 13%) Triple and Quad rates also available.

Call To Make Reservations: We recommend that you call the hotel's direct number 847-678-4000. You must identify yourself as being part of NGA to obtain the group rate and it is important that you indicate any special rooming needs or arrangements at the time of this call.

Online Reservations: If you go to the hotel's website to reserve a room using their online service, you will not receive the discounted group room rate.

Deadline for Reserving Rooms at the Group rate:

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2008

Important Information: NGA cannot guarantee room availability. Room availability extends until the NGA's hotel block is full or February 29, whichever comes first. Rooms are available on a first come/first served basis. The hotel does not have to honor the group rate once the block is filled so make reservations promptly. Hotel policy is specific that any date and/or name changes, or additions are subject to availability after the block reaches sell-out status or February 29, whichever occurs first.

Hotel Policies: Reservations require a valid credit card number or one night's advance deposit to secure a room. Cancellation of a guaranteed reservation must be received 24 hours prior to the scheduled date of arrival in order to avoid a charge of one night's room and tax. At check-in, all guests will verify their departure date. Any guest departing prior to the reconfirmed date will be assessed an early departure fee of $45. Check-in: 3:00 pm; Check-out: Noon

This is a 100% non-smoking hotel; Hilton HHonors Category: Four. A complimentary cooked to order breakfast is available for hotel guests. There is high speed Internet connection from each suite and wireless in the atrium.

Transportation:

Chicago O'Hare (ORD) –The hotel is one mile/five minutes from the airport and offers complimentary airport shuttle service. Taxi is about $5 each way.
Midway Airport (CHI) is approximately 23 miles/35 minutes from the hotel. A taxi from Midway is estimated at $35 each way.
Driving – Point-to-point driving directions are available on the hotel's website. Current daily rates for overnight guests are $18 for self-parking/$25 for valet parking, plus tax.

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CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE ORDER FORM

Please check the box for Type of Certificate.

☑	Certificate Type	Certificate Use	Fee for Certificate
	Guardianship	Center for Guardianship Certification	$10.00
	State Specific Guardianship	Guardianship Certificates for California, Florida, Texas and Washington	$15.00
	Legal	Specific States Pre-approved for Credit Illinois, Kentucky, Indiana, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota and Michigan	$25.00
	General	Attendance confirmation used for States which are not pre-approved for credits.	$10.00

State Requesting Certificate for: _____

Name _____ State License #_____

Email _____

Address_____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone: _____ Fax _____

Total Payment for Order $_____

TO MAIL FORM: Enclose Check Or Money Order, Payable To NGA and Address To

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174 Crestview Drive
Bellefonte, PA 16823-8516

TO FAX FORM: Provide Credit Card Information and Fax To
814-355-2452

_____ VISA _____ MasterCard Card # _____

Exp. Date _____ Name on Card _____

Signature _____