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MAINE ESTATE PLANNING COUNCIL

Meeting Notice

Date: May 16, 2019

Location: Portland Country Club

Time: 7:30AM – 9:30AM Breakfast

Topic: Maine's New Probate Code – This panel discussion, led by members of the Probate and Trust Law Advisory Commission, will discuss key provisions of Maine's new Probate Code, Title 18-C, scheduled to take effect on July 1, 2019. Topics to be discussed include changes to the Elective Share provisions and the Maine Uniform Guardianship, Conservatorship, & Protective Proceedings Act.

David J. Backer, Esq.: Attorney Backer is Drummond Woodsum's Practice Group Leader for Trust and Estate Planning. His practice is limited to trust and estate planning and administration. He is an elected Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC). David also serves as Chair of Maine's Probate and Trust Law Advisory Commission ("PATLAC"), charged with conducting a continuing study of the probate and trust laws in Maine and making recommendations to the Legislature for improvements in Maine's probate and trust laws. PATLAC, created in 2010 by the Maine Legislature, is comprised of seven lawyers and three judges and David has served as a member and as Chair of PATLAC since its inception. Originally appointed in 2010, he was reappointed in 2013 and again in 2016, each time for a three-year term. In addition, David has been selected for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America each year since 2007 in the category of Trusts and Estates and is recognized by the 2018 Chambers High Net Worth Guide for Private Wealth Law.

Justin LeBlanc, Esq.: Attorney LeBlanc clerked for the Honorable Leigh I. Saufley of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court upon graduating from law school, and after practicing law with a large Portland law firm, joined LeBlanc & Young in 2001. Justin is a fellow of The American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC), and is listed in The Best Lawyers in America and in Super Lawyers, and has the highest rating (AV) with Martindale-Hubbell. Justin currently serves on the Probate and Trust Law Advisory Commission, on the Grievance Commission of the Board of Overseers of the Bar, on the Maine Medical Center Planned Giving Committee, and on the Board of Directors of Camp Twitch and Shout, a summer camp for children with Tourette Syndrome. Justin has served as the Program Director of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Portland, as Chairman of the Trusts and Estates Section of the Maine State Bar Association, as president of the Maine Estate Planning Council, as President of the Cleaves Law Library, and as a member of the Maine Probate Rules Committee.

Patricia A. Nelson-Reade, R.N., CELA: Attorney Nelson-Reade has been practicing law in Maine since 1989. The Nelson-Reade Law Office PC was established in 1994. Patricia graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor of science degree in nursing from the University of North Florida. She worked as a Registered Nurse for seven years before attending law school. Patricia graduated first in her class from the University of Maine School of Law in 1988, where she was editor-in-chief of the Maine Law Review. She is past co-chair of the Elder Law Section of the Maine Bar Association and is a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys and the Maine Estate Planning Council. Patricia is a member of the Special Needs Alliance. Patricia is one of the first attorneys in Maine to become a Certified Elder Law Attorney (CELA). To become a certified elder law attorney, the attorney needs to have extensive experience in elder law, recommendations by her peers, and pass a comprehensive exam. Patricia was selected by her peers for inclusion in "The Best Lawyers in America" for the past ten years. Patricia speaks regularly on elder law, estate planning and special needs planning, before the public, attorneys, accountants and other professionals. She has also published articles on elder law and special needs planning.

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