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Welcome to Destin, FL!

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We hope you will join us November 15-18, 2022, in Destin, FL, for quality continuing legal education in an amazing venue.

Our Conference and Curriculum Chairs have planned an extraordinary event for you.

PROPOSED BYLAWS UP FOR VOTE AT FALL CONFERENCE

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Your feedback on the proposed bylaws is requested in advance of the NCPJ Fall Conference, by contacting any of the NCPJ Board Members.

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused hardships on many and has created ethical challenges for involuntary civil commitment. While inpatient psychiatric treatment is critical for individuals with serious mental illnesses (SMI), patients are at increased risk for exposure to COVID-19. Not only are the patients more prevalent to chronic medical conditions, the medical comorbidities of the patients are managed poorly. The pandemic also caused the potential benefit of inpatient treatment to decline. Those who seek treatment have transitioned into socially distant treatment. Virtual treatment has created concerns of confidentiality of the treatment sessions.

COVID-19 presented a challenge with respect to civil commitment when balancing the benefit of hospital treatment and the risk of transmitting the disease. For more information about how COVID-19 affected the civil commitment and ethical problems please visit: http://jaapl.org/content/early/2020/10/01/JAAPL.200080-20.

Addressing the COVID-19 Pandemic in Populations With Serious Mental Illness: https://janetwork.com/journals/jamapsychiatry/fullarticle/2764227


In Memoriam

It is with heavy hearts to inform our members about the passing of Judge Daniel O’Grady and retired Judge Raymond Eubanks. On behalf of the Officers, Executive Committee Members, and the entire NCPJ community, we extend our condolences to the O’Grady and Eubanks family.

Judge O’Grady’s legal career spanned over 30 years in Northern Fairfield County, Connecticut. Judge O’Grady received his law degree from Quinnipiac University in 1985 and started a legal practice in Bethel, Connecticut once he completed law school. Judge O’Grady then went on to serve as probate judge for the Northern Fairfield County Probate Court for 25 years. His knowledge of probate law has helped of members of NCPJ better understand changes and developments of probate.

Judge O’Grady also served as the treasurer and attorney for the town of Bethel, and was a members of the Newton Lions Club board of directors. Also Judge O’Grady was an avid golfer.

Judge Eubanks was a prominent figure in the NCPJ and at the local level in Spartanburg, South Carolina. At the local level Judge Eubanks pioneered drug and alcohol treatment as it relates to probate proceedings. His instrumental work has led to the creation and establishment of the Eubanks Peer-Support Living Room near Spartanburg Medical Center. This center is a space where individuals can find support and resources as it relates to behavioral health. Our members have benefited greatly from what Judge Eubanks did at the local level in educating all of us about probate, guardianships, and mental health.

Judge Eubanks has received multiple awards throughout his life, which include, twice, the Distinguished Citizen by the Spartanburg County Bar Association, and the T.R. Garrison Health Person of the Year by the Spartanburg Health Planning Commission in 1995.

Judge Eubanks received his law degree from the University of South Carolina in 1959. He practiced law in Spartanburg, and served as probate judge in Spartanburg County, South Carolina from 1980 to 2005.

NCPJ recognizes and appreciates the charitable donation from Judge Eubanks to the NCPJ.