



15TH ANNUAL ELDER LAW FORUM

Ageing & Disability: Practical Solutions for Real People

Thursday, May 6, 2010 | 8:00am - 12:30pm

NYS Nurses Association, 11 Cornell Road, Latham NY 12110

8:00am | Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:30am | Louis W. Pierro, Esq. & Kimberly Strauchon Verner, Esq., Pierro Law Group

Elder & Disability Law Update: Annual update on long term care benefits and services funded with Medicaid, Medicare and Veteran's benefits, with a focus on new caselaw, legislation, government directives and the increased use of enhanced Veteran's Pensions to stretch private pay dollars.



9:00am | KEY NOTE SPEAKER: Michael G. Breslin, Albany County Executive

Mike Breslin first came to office as County Executive in 1995 and continuously strives to find better ways to serve the people of Albany County. His Key Note address will focus on Albany County's experience over the past year with its proposed nursing home closure, the expansion of home care service, and the ultimate decision to build a new nursing home.

9:45am | Key Note Panel Discussion "Home Care vs. Nursing Home Care - Local Options"

Panel Includes: Mike Breslin, Albany County; Karen Hoogkamp, Avila Retirement Community; Edward Neary, Colonie Senior Services; Laurie Pferr, NYS Office of Aging; Mark Kissinger, NYS Department of Health; Kimberly Strauchon Verner, Esq., Pierro Law Group/ Disability Advocate; Moderated by Louis W. Pierro, Esq.

10:30am | Break

10:45am | Mark Kissinger, Deputy Commissioner Office of Long Term Care - NYS Dept. of Health
Long-Term Care in New York State, including DOH initiatives and the 2010-11 State Budget.

11:00am | Gail Holubinka, Former Director of the NYS Partnership

Legislative Update: How proposed legislation at the Federal and State levels, including The Class Act and NYS Compact for Long-Term Care, may impact seniors and people with disabilities.

11:15am | Robert Vandy, VP NY Long-Term Care Brokers

Changing LTC Insurance Products for a Changing Planning Environment: Recent legislative and regulatory changes have shed new light on the long-term care planning challenge and the need to have solutions in place flexible enough to meet changing client needs.

11:30am | Paul Menge MD, Medical Director Senior Whole Health New York

Health Care for Medicaid and Medicare Eligible Seniors: A challenge met by comprehensive case management and creative use of community resources.

11:45am | Laurie Pferr, Executive Deputy Director NYS Office of Aging

Practical Solutions for Aging in Place: A look at community-based long-term care services, community living programs, community empowerment activities, status of NY Connects and proposed regulatory changes.

12:00pm | Question & Answers/ Open Forum, Moderated By Louis W. Pierro

12:30pm | Close

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