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## Elder Financial Exploitation: A Practitioner's Guide

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**IN-PERSON SEMINAR:** Friday, January 10, 2025 – Madison

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Program dates start January 10.  
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## Advocate for adults in need

Financial exploitation is a common form of elder abuse, but attorneys can play a key role in identifying and averting it. ***Elder Financial Exploitation: A Practitioner's Guide*** offers tools for attorneys handling civil or criminal elder fraud and abuse cases, providing preventative strategies and approaches for developing response plans. Gain a better understanding of relevant Wisconsin Statutes and the civil and criminal processes involved in elder financial exploitation cases, including evidentiary considerations.

### HOW YOU'LL BENEFIT

- Identify key parties, develop response plans, and utilize Adult Protective Services
- Explore advantageous guardianship law tools to protect elders at risk
- Understand the civil theft claims based on elder abuse available under Wisconsin law
- Review the criminal process for elder financial abuse from search warrant to charging
- Discover how to use national and local resources that support elder abuse cases

Advocate for your clients' security and dignity with help from *Elder Financial Exploitation: A Practitioner's Guide*. **Register today!**

## SCHEDULE

**8:00 AM Registration**

**8:30 AM The Marathon Response to Elder Financial Exploitation**

- Identify all the relevant parties to the investigation
- Determine a response plan with short-term and long-term goals
- Discuss the most overlooked resource of Adult Protective Services (APS)
- Review the example scenario  
*April DeValkenaere*

**9:30 AM Understanding the Tools Available: Effective Use of Guardianship Law to Protect Elders at Risk**

- Identify efficient use of guardianships to stop financial fraud, especially spendthrift guardianships
- Understand the constraints, usage, and timelines of Chapters 54 and 55
- A unique perspective from both sides of the courtroom (corp counsel and defense counsel)  
*Jessica M. Moeller*

**10:15 AM Break**

**10:30 AM Civil Theft Claims Based on Elder Abuse**

- Discuss relevant statutes and strategies for the civil attorney representing the victim/victim's family in theft claims
- Understand how Wis. Stat. §895.446 provides a civil cause of action for certain crimes  
*Robert M. Mihelich*

**11:15 AM Criminal Aspects to Elder Financial Abuse**

- Review the beginning of the legal process from search warrant, investigations, and applicable charges
- Considerations of privilege  
*Peter M. Tempelis*

**12:00 PM A Journey to Success: Knowing Where to Turn for Additional Resources**

- Identifying additional resources both locally and nationally
- Best practices of resource management  
*April DeValkenaere*

**12:15 PM Program Concludes**

*Following start time, schedule will vary slightly from above. All times are Central Time Zone.*

## FACULTY

### PROGRAM CHAIRS & PRESENTERS

**April DeValkenaere**, SBWCP, CFCI, CCI, Fortress Forensic Investigations, Eagle

**Robert M. Mihelich**, Law Offices of Robert M. Mihelich, New Berlin

**Peter M. Tempelis**, Waukesha County District Attorney's Office, Waukesha

### PRESENTER

**Jessica M. Moeller**, Charleston School of Law, Charleston, SC

## DATES & LOCATION

### IN-PERSON SEMINAR — MADISON

Friday, January 10, 2025

#### State Bar Center

5302 Eastpark Blvd., Madison, WI  
(608) 257-3838

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### Guardianship and Protective Placement for Older Adults in Wisconsin

Be prepared to assist older clients when they can no longer protect themselves. This thorough guide to law and practice under Wisconsin's guardianship and protective placement statutes explains the basics in practical terms with accompanying checklists and forms.

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### Elder Law Forms Library

Gain easy access to more than 60 documents from the State Bar's most popular elder law resource books, including key forms such as motions, notices, orders, and petitions. Plus, the *Elder Law Forms Library* has been updated to include sample forms providing space for email addresses and a checkbox for use in cases involving remote notarization.



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