

Understanding the Process of the Surrogate Decision Making Committee Program

Presented by the BAEC Committee for the Disabled, Elder Law Committee and the NYS Justice Center

Thursday, January 10, 2019

Bar Association of Erie County, 438 Main Street, Sun Room Auditorium, Buffalo, NY

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9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

SURROGATE DECISION MAKING COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER TRAINING*

3.0 CLE credits: Areas of Professional Practice

Welcome and Introduction:

Kelly M. Barrett, Esq., *Chair, Elder Law Committee*

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Speakers:

Deirdre Keating, Esq., *Director, Records Management & Access Unit and Counsel to SDMC Program
Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs*

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1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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You are welcome to attend just the 9:00 a.m. session. However, if you would like to attend both sessions, the 9:00 a.m. session is mandatory.

***In addition to receiving CLE credit, each attorney who attends the SDMC Volunteer Training will be able to serve on an SDMC panel.**

- The SDMC program provides consent for nonemergency major medical treatment and end-of-life decisions on behalf of qualifying individuals.
- The SDMC panels provide a quicker, cost-free, and personalized decision on behalf of qualifying individuals.
- The volunteers review requests for treatment and render a determination at a quasi-judicial hearing.
- Mental Hygiene Law Article 80 requires that each panel must have an attorney licensed in NYS as a member.
- The volunteers are indemnified by New York State and reimbursed for travel expenses for training and hearing participation.
- The SDMC relies on volunteers who have completed the training programs to carry out this important function.
- For more information on the SDMC Program, please visit <https://www.justicecenter.ny.gov/services-supports/sdmc>

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9:00 a.m. Session only - \$60, If you do not wish to receive CLE credit, the program is free

Attendance at session one required if registering for session two.

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