



*Maryland Attorney General's*  
**COVID-19 Access to Justice Task Force**

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CHAT

**Life & Health Planning Committee Meeting**

**July 14, 2020**

Bruce Villard

9:05 AM

Sorry, my mic isn't working. I'm Bruce Villard and one of the outgoing co-chairpersons of Wills for Heroes.

Margaret Henn

9:14 AM

There's an attorney in our office - Timothy Chance, who would be good to be involved in the conversation about probate for low income people

Angus Derbyshire

9:19 AM

If there are any resources explaining ways to avoid probate such as designating beneficiaries on bank accounts and vehicles that would be helpful. Many of the small probate clients that we see have legal needs that could have been avoided if the decedent had taken prior steps. Getting that information out would be helpful.

Ron Landsman

9:21 AM

I don't disagree, but the flip side is that those simple mechanisms can easily distort wider estate plans, like the account that is joint with only one of three children.

Terri Hill

9:24 AM

Question for Paul: would the document he and I started working on a few years ago (which was left with my being responsible for next steps) be of any value? It was to explain in lay terms ALL end of life options more comprehensively than the documents now available.

Ron Landsman

9:27 AM

Terri - is that for health care or more?

Morris Klein

9:29 AM

You need to get title insurers on board before advocating tod deeds

Terri Hill

9:30 AM

Primarily healthcare - palliative, hospice, terminal sedation, right-to-try, medical cannibus, medically ssisted (noting legal in some states but not MD), etc

Much if this will also be dealt with in the outreach subcomm

Morris Klein

9:31 AM

I'm not sure of the difference in mission between these 2 subcommittees

Margaret Henn

9:33 AM

Do we want to invite anyone from the Register of Wills or Orphans Court to participate re the small estates and issues?

Paul Ballard -MDH-

9:52 AM

Terri - Thanks for bringing your idea to the attention of the committee. We definitely do want to create legal resources help the public understand important terms. So, your perspective and feedback will be very valuable.

Reena Shah

9:53 AM

yes, that would be great, shelby

Rexanah Wyse

10:00 AM

Thank you for your time all. Will have to jump off to another meeting. Take care and be well.