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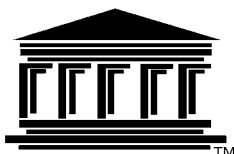
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OAST & HOOK SEMINAR RECAP

Oast & Hook is pleased to announce that its seminar entitled “Long-term Care: Issues and Answers” was a resounding success. Oast & Hook sponsored this seminar in response to requests from the local offices of the Department of Social Services, churches and civic organizations. The seminar was held at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Virginia Beach and featured several speakers and topics pertaining to long-term care. Andrew Hook, a Certified Elder Law Attorney with Oast & Hook, presented an overview of long-term care issues, including paying for long-term care. Timothy Palmer, an attorney and certified public accountant with Oast & Hook, discussed Medicaid planning. Kevin Shea, a certified public accountant with Cherry, Bekaert & Holland, discussed long-term care insurance. Over 160 people attended the seminar, which was approved for continuing education credit for life and health insurance professionals and for social workers. Oast & Hook extends its sincere appreciation to all of those who attended.

Those who attended this seminar were asked to complete an evaluation form. Oast & Hook thanks all of those who completed this evaluation; the responses to the evaluations will help us organize and present future seminars. The evaluation form included suggestions for future seminar topics, including long-term care planning, estate planning, special needs trusts, guardianship and conservatorship issues, estate, trust and fiduciary administration, financial planning, and retirement planning. If there are *Elder Law News* readers who would be interested in attending future seminars, then please send an e-mail to mail@oasthook.com with your suggestions for future seminar topics and locations. Oast & Hook will soon begin planning the next seminar and welcomes your input.

You can find a copy of the power point presentation used at the seminar on Oast & Hook’s website at www.oasthook.com.

HB 2601 update

HB 2601 is still in the Virginia Senate and will soon be considered by the Senate Committee on Education and Health. As has been explained in previous editions of the *Elder Law News*, HB 2601 is not the answer to Virginia's rising long-term care costs. While the Commonwealth of Virginia must control growth in Medicaid expenditures, HB 2601, as presently drafted, is unnecessarily onerous for Virginia's low and moderate income elderly citizens.

How can you oppose HB 2601? First, make a two minute telephone call to your delegate or senator. Call 800-889-0229 (698-1990 in Richmond) and simply state the bill number and your name and address. You may also write your delegate or senator directly. It is important to do this now.

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