



## **Guardianship Basics & Beyond**

Danville Area Community College, Vermilion Hall 306, Danville, Illinois

June 20, 2019

Total Program = 6.5 Hours of MCLE credit

- 8:00–8:50 am      **Registration**  
*Coffee and pastries sponsored by Frisse & Brewster Law Offices*
- 8:50–9:00 am      **Welcome**
- 9:00–10:15 am     **Opening a Guardianship Case (1.25 MCLE)**  
Angelica W. Wawrzynek, JD, The Tapella & Eberspacher Law Firm
- 10:15 – 10:30 am   **Break**
- 10:30 am – 12:00 pm **Handling the Ward’s Finances (1.5 MCLE)**  
Jim Mulvaney, Vice President, Trust Officer & Market Manager, First Financial Bank
- 12:00 – 1:00 pm    **Lunch**  
*Sponsored by the Vermilion County Bar Association*
- 12:15 – 1:00 pm    **Managing Caregiver Stress (.75 MCLE)**  
Melissa Courtright, CRIS Senior Services  
Jeri Spezia, 708 Mental Health Board
- 1:00 – 2:00 pm     **Grandparent & Other Non-Parent Considerations (1.0 MCLE)**  
Kaylan Huber, JD, Davis and Delanois, P.C.
- 2:00 – 3:00 pm     **Medicaid & Long Term Care Issues for Guardians (1.0 MCLE)**  
John Lafond, JD, Land of Lincoln Legal Aid
- 3:00 – 3:15 pm     **Break**  
*Snacks sponsored by Frisse & Brewster Law Offices*
- 3:15 – 4:15 pm     **Tips from GALs (1.0 MCLE)**  
Kaylan Huber of Davis and Delanois  
Andrew Mudd of Davis and Delanois  
Toby Ortega of Saikley, Garrison, Colombo & Barney  
Paul Wieck of Bennett, Schroeder & Wieck
- 4:15 pm            **Closing**

## Speaker Bios

**Angelica W. ("Angel") Wawrzynek** is a member of Tapella & Eberspacher LLC in Charleston, Illinois. She graduated summa cum laude from the University of Illinois College of Law in 2009. She focuses her practice on planning and administering estates, trusts, and guardianships. Angel is a member of the Eastern Illinois Estate Planning Council (EIEPC) and is the incoming Treasurer of that organization. She is the former chair of the Fifth Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee and continues to serve as a member. She is also a current board member of the Lawyers Trust Fund of Illinois.

**James M. Mulvaney** retired as the Vice President of Trust and Asset Management and Market Manager of First Financial Bank, N.A. in its Danville, Illinois office at the end of May 2019. Mr. Mulvaney's career included positions with Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company of Chicago in its Trust Tax Department as the supervisor of the Trust Tax Section; Trust Officer of the Second National Bank of Danville (now First Midwest Bank); Partner in the law firm of Dukes, O'Rourke, Stewart, Martin & Helm. Ltd.; Partner in the law firm of Gunn & Hickman, P.C.; First National Bank of Danville as a Vice President in Commercial Lending and Compliance Officer; Palmer American National Bank as its Chief Legal Counsel; First National Bank of Danville as its Executive Vice President; and prior to moving to the Trust and Asset Management Department of First Financial Bank as its vice President, Commercial Loan Officer and Market Manager. Mr. Mulvaney presented seminars for Bank Administration Institute on the topics of Fiduciary Income Taxation and Estate and Gift Taxation. He is the co-author of "Basic Fiduciary Income Taxation" published by Bank Administration Institute. Mr. Mulvaney has retained his license to practice law following his retirement. He is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame with a Bachelor of Business Administration with honors with a major in Finance and Business Economics and a graduate of DePaul University with a Juris Doctor with honors.

**Melissa Courtwright**, is the Director of Quality Control-APS for CRIS Healthy-Aging. Melissa oversees the Caregiver Program which assists grandparents who are raising grandchildren. This program operates in both Vermilion and Champaign County.

**Jeri Spezia** is the Administrative Assistant/Complex Services Planner for the Vermillion County Mental Health 708 Board. Jeri is a lifelong resident of Vermilion County. She graduated in 1986 from Georgetown High School. She obtained her Associates Degree in Healthcare Administration from the University of Phoenix. She is currently working on her Bachelor's Degree in Management through an online program. Her current title is the Administrative Assistant/Complex Services Planner for the Vermillion County Mental Health 708 Board, which she has held since November, 2014. Some of her job duties as the Complex Services Planner includes working with individuals and families who are involved in multiple, complex services required through the courts or other agency referrals. She acts as an advocate for the family to ensure they are receiving the proper services and following up with the families to keep them on a successful path. Jeri also is currently raising her two year old grandson she has had temporary custody of since his birth.

**Kaylan Huber** is an attorney with Davis and Delanois, P.C., where she maintains a general practice with a focus in civil litigation, estate planning, and family law. B.A., Indiana University- Bloomington; J.D. Indiana University- Indianapolis. Admitted 2015. Current activities: Treasurer of the Vermilion County Bar, Guardian ad Litem for domestic relations cases in Vermilion County, volunteer with expungement summits in Vermilion and Macon Counties, board member of the Your Family Resource Connection in Danville, board member of the Fifth Circuit Public Interest Law Initiative. Past activities: President of the Young Lawyers of Vermilion County and board member of Vermilion County CASA program.

**John Lafond** is an attorney with Land of Lincoln Legal Aid. He earned his J. D. from the University of Illinois in 1986 and has invested his entire professional career at Land of Lincoln Legal Aid representing financially eligible clients and seniors with a full range of civil legal problems in a 13 county service area. Currently, John specializes in elder law and education cases. He has handled hundreds of guardianship cases, and much of his caseload now involves resolving long term care Medicaid issues for seniors in nursing homes. He serves with a Multidisciplinary Team in Ford County, Macon County and Vermilion County. The M-team is a group tasked with collaborative discussion and problem-solving concerning abuse and neglect cases involving seniors and disabled adults. John is married to a beloved senior and is the daddy of a 17 year-old daughter with special needs.

**Andrew Mudd** is an attorney with Davis and Delanois, P.C., maintaining a general practice with a focus in municipal matters, real estate, and civil litigation. J.D. John Marshall. Admitted to practice in 2009. Current activities: Vice President of the Vermilion County Bar and Guardian ad Litem for domestic relations cases in Vermilion County.

**Tobias Ortega** is an attorney at Saikley, Garrison, Colombo and Barney, LLC. His primary focus is on family law, criminal defense and guardianships. Tobias has been licensed to practice law in Illinois since 2007. He has previously been a prosecutor in Vermilion, Lee, and Champaign County and is a member of the ISBA, VCBA, and CCBA. Tobias is also the board president for Family Advocacy of Champaign County.

**Paul E. Wieck** was admitted to the Wisconsin Bar in 1981 and the Illinois Bar in 1982, graduated from the University of Illinois in 1978 and the Illinois Institute of Technology/Chicago-Kent College of Law in 1981. Paul has been a two-term President of the Clark County Bar Association and has been Treasurer of that Association since 1998, is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association and member of the Sections on General Practice and Family Law. Demonstrating a long term commitment to underserved citizens with work with Land of Lincoln Private Bar Initiative since 1982, Paul has been a board member of the 5th Circuit Pro Bono Committee of the Public Interest Law Initiative since its inception, first recipient of the 5th Circuit Pro Bono Award, and on the statewide PILI Pro Bono Opportunities Working Group. Paul's practice areas include substantive work in Domestic Relations, Adult and Juvenile guardianships, DCFS neglect and abuse matters including representation of wards for the Department. He is active in Criminal Defense, including Felony, Misdemeanors and Traffic. Paul further has an active practice in business/corporation and estate planning. Paul also engages in custodial mediation as a certified Mediator for the Fifth and Second Judicial Circuits and court appointed GAL for both children and alleged disabled adults.