

Scheduled for April 5th. Half day CLE – 3.5 credits. Speakers lined up. Not published yet.

Skipped Communications Report Suzanne Thompson Wininger and Carla Calogero

12:42 **Outreach/Mentorship Report** Miriam Ayoub and Nancy Lee

Emailed in report. Working on Fundraiser – See above. Further reports to come.

12:45 **WSBA Board of Governors** Brent Williams-Ruth

Board meeting on 7th and 8th of March. The bar licensure task force will be voting on whether there should be alternate pathways to licensure.

12:49 **WSBA Sections Program Specialist** Carolyn MacGregor

Working on election preparation (fun things). Section meeting date yet to be established.

12:50 **Legislative Report** Karen Boxx and Carla Higginson

Karen reporting on Carla's written report, which was as follows:

BILL #: SB 5787 - Enacting the uniform electronic estate planning documents act.

This bill passed the Senate and is scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on Civil Rights & Judiciary on February 20th. The staff summary of the testimony at Senate Law & Justice Committee in January was as follows:

PRO: There is a gap of estate planning documents that are unable to be prepared electronically, such as powers of attorney, trust agreements, health care directives, and other documents. The purpose of this act is to make sure that all estate planning documents can be prepared electronically. It is uncertain how often electronic estate planning documents will be used. However, the COVID-19 pandemic taught us that flexibility to electronically prepare estate planning documents is important. Electronic estate planning documents would be significantly utilized in rural communities, where people can sign such documents from home rather than commute to an attorney's office. The software used to prepare and sign electronic estate planning documents are secure. Estate, probate, and litigation lawyers who have reviewed this act are comfortable with the language.

CON: [No one spoke in opposition to this bill.]

BILL #: HB 1886 - Concerning prearrangement funeral services.

This bill passed the House Committee on Consumer Protection & Business and was referred to the Rules Committee, where it still sits.

BILL #: HB 1867 - Eliminating the estate tax filing requirement for certain estates involving a qualifying familial residence.

This bill passed the House and is scheduled for a public hearing in the Senate Ways & Means Committee on February 20th.

BILL #: SB 5825 - Concerning guardianship and conservatorship. SB 5825 (concerning guardianship and conservatorship). A second substitute bill passed the Senate and is scheduled for a public hearing in the House Civil Rights & Judiciary Committee on February 20th.

BILL #: SB 5811 - Expanding the definition of family member for individual providers. This bill passed the Senate and is scheduled for a public hearing in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness on February 20th.

