**PROBATE BENCH-BAR COMMITTEE MEETING**

Overview from April 12, 2021

Location: Zoom

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Notes from the meeting:

* GAL applications are being accepted, and there is still a significant need for bilingual GAL’s. Mentors are needed for new law school graduates who wish to serve as GAL’s.
* Hearings on YouTube will be replaced with alternate techniques that allow live streaming.
* Attorney Mitch Hagopian, from Disability Rights Wisconsin, was the guest speaker at this meeting. He addressed topics such as restoring a ward’s right to vote and advocacy actions that could be taken to get a ward vaccinated, if vaccination is desired by or for the ward.
* Practice Tip: for those wards under protective placement, the Watts Review hearing can be used to restore voting and marriage rights.
* Materials from Attorney Hagopian were submitted and approved for 1.0 CLE credit.
* Reminder: materials from Attorney Hagopian’s presentation and notes from previous meetings of the Probate Bench-Bar Committee can be found at [https://milwbar.memberclicks.net/probate-bench-bar](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fmilwbar.memberclicks.net%2fprobate-bench-bar&c=E,1,qcQO2LxGG65z_CamguRmq-9EHosO2OvmmbgFGe1XtaPZq7wV_9Z2rmocFFXFkc0uPrP2KvDLkjlm5sbjrwOmPfLshsVOlt2Nbe4Hb5pyK0I,&typo=1).
* The next Bench-Bar Meeting via Zoom will be on Monday, May 10 at 12:15 p.m.

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