**PROBATE BENCH-BAR COMMITTEE MEETING**

Overview from March 8, 2021

Location: Zoom

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Notes from the meeting:

* Attorney Mitch Hagopian will be a guest speaker at the April 12 meeting.
* Policies and procedures for Chapter 51 jury trials are still a work-in-progress.
* Significant progress on the backlog of Watts hearings (held on Zoom) continues. Both sets of hearings will continue to be held on Fridays. At the current rate, they should be caught up by June.
* Attorney Christopher Morgan will be filling in for Attorney Lisa Proccacio in Corporation Counsel while she is on maternity leave in April. If e-mailing a notice to Atty. Proccacio, please copy Atty. Morgan on it.
* The Department on Aging merged with DHHS in January and is now known as the Milwaukee County DHHS Division on Aging.
* When serving as a GAL, if the ward wishes to have counsel, then file an objection in order to have counsel appointed, even if there is no protective placement petition.
* When a ward is receiving assets in an estate, ensure that there is a guardian of the estate and, if appropriate, prepare a petition and order for the funds to be transferred from the estate to a special needs trust.
* Reminder: speakers and ideas for topics are still needed for the annual guardian ad litem CLE seminar (to be held in late May or early June). Even if you do not wish to be a speaker, please do not hesitate to contact Katy Borowski or a co-chair with ideas for topics.
* Reminder: 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, April 12 at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy L. Shue