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SEMINAR OUTLINE

I. CONTEST GROUNDS

9:00 - 10:00, David C. Jacobson

- A. Case Selection Tips
- B. Incompetence
- C. Undue Influence
- D. Fraud or Mistake of Fact
- E. Revocation
- F. Inadequate Formalities
- G. Construction Actions (Petitioning the Court for Instructions)
- H. Other

II. PURSUING AND DEFENDING CLAIMS AGAINST FIDUCIARIES

10:00 - 11:00, Avi Z. Kestenbaum

- A. Fiduciary Accounting Issues
- B. Fiduciary Misconduct
- C. Fiduciary Removal
- D. Surcharge Actions

III. PROCEDURE

11:15 - 12:00, James D. Reddy

- A. Statutory Scheme
- B. Equity
- C. Limitation of Actions

IV. ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS

1:00 - 2:00, Jeffrey A. Asher

- A. Avoiding Conflicts of Interest
- B. Get Written Retainer
- C. Be Professional

V. GATHERING THE EVIDENCE

2:00 - 2:45, Alan E. Rabunski

- A. Medical Records
- B. Social Security Records
- C. Bank Records
- D. Tax Returns
- E. Depositions

VI. LITIGATION FORMS

2:45 - 3:15, Alan E. Rabunski

- A. Discovery in Probate Court Limited (Get a Broad Order – Model Request)
- B. Use of Subpoena Duces Tecum
- C. Citations to Discover Assets
- D. Citations to Recover Assets
- E. Interrogatories – Model
- F. Request for Admissions
- G. Notice to Produce/Inspect
- H. Depositions

VII. ALTERNATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR)

3:30 - 4:30, Jeffrey A. Asher

- A. Mediation by Agreement
- B. Arbitration by Agreement
- C. FRCP Rule 16 Conference

*If needed, the above agenda may be changed to best accommodate all of our attendees.

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ABOUT THIS SEMINAR

Get the Tools You Need to Effectively Resolve Estate Contests

After the testator's death, testamentary documents are the ruling force behind administering and closing the estate. But what if a mistake has been made or fraud committed? Our seasoned faculty will guide you through all the basic elements of probate litigation to prepare you for such a contingency. Don't spend years collecting precious bits of expertise - compress them into a day of engaging learning. *Register today!*

7 BENEFITS OF ATTENDING

- Get practical tips for careful case selection and save time and resources.
- Learn to detect valid grounds for contesting a bequest, especially when incompetence and/or undue influence are involved.
- Avoid missing vital steps with a refresher on the will contest procedure.
- Maintain your impeccable reputation with tips for ethical legal conduct.
- Understand what evidence you'll need to collect during the investigation and how to use it.
- Review sample litigation forms to ensure their enforceability.
- Learn to use available ADR options to reach a quicker and more amiable resolution.

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This **basic-to-intermediate level seminar** will provide a detailed overview of probate litigation practice for:

- Attorneys
- Guardians
- Paralegals
- Personal Representatives

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to: "Risk Assessment," *Trusts and Estates*, April 2010; "It's Personal," *Trusts and Estates*, April 2009; "True Counselors," *The New York Law Journal, Special Trusts and Estates Section*, January 2009; "Numerous Pension Act Changes Affect Charitable and Estate Planning," *Practical Tax Strategies*, April 2007; "Know the Differences: A Guide to Charitable Contribution Deductions," *Trusts and Estates*, May 2006; "The New Age of Corporate Governance for Nonprofit Organizations," *Journal of Taxation of Exempts*, August 2005; "Use Disclaimers to Add Flexibility and Hindsight to Estate Plans," *Practical Tax Strategies*, June 2005; "Proposed Revisions to the Uniform Management of Institutional Funds Act," *Estate Planning Journal*, February 2005; and "Duties and Liabilities of Nonprofit Directors and Officers," *Estate Planning Journal*, May 2004. Several additional articles will be published soon in leading national tax and estate planning journals. He has lectured for many prestigious trade, business and nonprofit organizations, including the New York City Estate Planning Council and New York State CPA Society. Mr. Kestenbaum has also previously lectured for National Business Institute on many topics in his field, including, but not limited to: advanced tax and estate planning, asset protection, international tax and estate planning, exempt organizations and charitable planning, business planning, trusts and estates, state and local taxes. He has earned his B.S. degree, summa cum laude, from Touro College, his J.D. degree from Brooklyn Law School and his LL.M. degree in taxation from the University of Miami School of Law, and he received academic scholarships at each of these universities. Mr. Kestenbaum is a member of the New York State (sections on Taxation, Trusts and Estates) and American (sections on Taxation, Business Entities Committee and Exempt Organizations Committee, and Real Property, Probate and Trust Law, Partnerships and Limited Liability Companies and Organizational and Operations Issues of Exempt Organizations) bar associations.

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