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ELDER ABUSE:

The Crime of the 21st Century

Friday, August 3, 2018 ♦ The Inn at Wise ♦ Wise, VA

DIRECTIONS, PARKING & LODGING

The Inn at Wise

110 E. Main St., Wise, VA
(276) 321-7600

A 100-year-old historic landmark, The Inn at Wise is located in Wise, Virginia, adjacent to the Wise County Courthouse.

Parking is available in the parking garage at the rear of the building, with additional parking adjacent to the Inn, in the nearby public lot behind the courthouse, and on the street.

A block of rooms has been reserved for this event at the conference rate of \$80 plus taxes (\$89.04 inclusive). To receive this rate, identify yourself as being with the ELDER ABUSE GROUP. **Rooms must be reserved no later than July 16** to receive the discounted rate.

CONFERENCE MATERIALS

Registered participants will receive instructions by e-mail on where and how to access conference materials online prior to the conference. If you prefer hard-copy printouts, please plan on bringing your own copies. Handouts will not be distributed at the conference.

ELDER ABUSE: The Crime of the 21st Century

Friday, Aug. 3, 2018

Ballroom, The Inn at Wise, Wise, VA

8:00 am ***Check-In & Late Registration***

8:45 am ***Welcome & Introductions***

Charles H. Slemph, Esq., Wise County Commonwealth's Attorney

9:00 am **KEYNOTE:**

The Brooke Astor Story: Hard-Learned Lessons That Inform Elder Justice

Philip C. Marshall, Founder, *Beyond Brooke*, South Dartmouth, MA

10:15 am ***Break***

10:30 am ***Overcoming Barriers to Successful Investigation & Prosecution of Elder Abuse***

Paul Greenwood, Esq., Retired Deputy District Attorney
San Diego DA's Office, San Diego, CA

11:45 am ***Lunch (provided)***

12:45 pm ***Dissecting the Elder Financial Abuse Case***

Paul Greenwood, Esq., Retired Deputy District Attorney
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2:00 pm ***Break***

2:15 pm ***Alzheimer's: The Identity Thief of the 21st Century***
Robert B. Schaefer, FBI (retired)
Certified Dementia Practitioner (CDP), Chesterfield, VA

3:30 pm ***Elder Abuse Legal Update***
Daronda Combs, Esq., Managing Attorney, Marion Field Office
Southwest Virginia Legal Aid
Panelists:
Debra K. Sifford, Esq., Deputy Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney,
Giles County/Elder Justice Task Force of the New River
Valley;
Janet Brennend, Elder Abuse Prevention Specialist, New River
Valley Area Agency on Aging/Elder Justice Task Force of
the New River Valley;
Carol McCray, DARS Adult Services/Adult Protective Services
Specialist, Western Region;
Dr. Gary S. Williams, M.D., FAAFP, Gerontologist,
Williams Physician Services, Big Stone Gap;
Doug Horne, Senior Vice President & Area Manager
(Cumberland Region), New People's Bank, Wise; and
James Lawson, Financial Advisor, Edward Jones, Wise.

4:45 pm **Closing Remarks**
Joey Carico, Esq., Deputy Director, Southwest Virginia Legal Aid

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CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

Continuing education credits (CLEs) are pending for magistrates, clerks, and attorneys, as are PIC-3 credits for law enforcement professionals.

RESOURCES

In addition to conference materials, other elder abuse resources will be available to participants at no cost. Please visit the Resources table (located inside the Ballroom) early for best selection.

BOOK-SIGNING

Copies of Robert Schaefer's book, *Alzheimer's: The Identity Thief of the 21st Century*, will be available for sale and signing by the author at the conference.

Mr. Schaefer has also donated a copy of his book, to be won by some lucky conference-goer. Winner of the drawing will be announced during the conference.

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Call Legal Aid at (276) 783-8300,
ext. 2009 (Sarah Angles) or
ext. 2012 (Daveena Sexton).

NOTE: Registrations cannot be
accepted by phone.

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

The Brooke Astor Story: Hard-Learned Lessons That Inform Elder Justice

Philip C. Marshall, Founder, Beyond Brooke, South Dartmouth, MA

Professor Marshall's keynote will address the many forms of abuse and exploitation that his grandmother endured – and that millions of other seniors suffer every day. He will inform participants how seniors are poly-victimized and re-victimized, and how elder justice practitioners who serve and save seniors are working to protect not only seniors' net worth, but their self worth, and sometimes their very lives. Specific examples of abuse, and best practices in detecting and arresting these, will be addressed toward cultivating greater community concern and capacity.

Overcoming Barriers to Successful Investigation & Prosecution of Elder Abuse

Paul Greenwood, Esq., Retired Deputy District Attorney, San Diego DA's Office, San Diego, CA

In this session, recently retired deputy district attorney Paul Greenwood will draw upon his 22 years of prosecuting serious felony elder abuse crimes to discuss common barriers that often prevent elder abuse cases from being prosecuted. He will advocate for a better understanding of the dynamics that are found in such cases and will call for an end to misconceptions that can deter law enforcement and prosecutors from holding perpetrators accountable.

Dissecting the Elder Financial Abuse Case

Paul Greenwood, Esq., Retired Deputy District Attorney, San Diego DA's Office, San Diego, CA

65% of Paul Greenwood's felony caseload involved some form of financial exploitation of older adults. In this session Greenwood will break down the anatomy of an elder financial abuse case and will offer suggestions on how to deal with such issues as consent and undue influence.

Alzheimer's: The Identity Thief of the 21st Century

Robert B. Schaefer, CDP, Chesterfield, VA

Robert B. Schaefer, a 10-year veteran in the FBI's Behavior Sciences Unit, was the co-founder and first manager of the FBI's Critical Incident and Peer Support Program. As such, he traveled around the U.S. to render psychological support for FBI related critical incidents. He never realized that he would be facing his own critical incident toward the end of his law enforcement career in the form of Alzheimer's disease. He found himself immersed in the care of his wife Sarah following her diagnosis with "the probable early onset of Alzheimer's disease," while she was still in her forties. In this session, as he does in his book, *Alzheimer's: The Identity Thief of the 21st Century*, Schaefer will trace his and his wife's journey through the "world of Alzheimer's," and will provide valuable information that is seldom written about for the family care-partner as well as professionals in the field.

Elder Law Legal Update

Daronda Combs, Esq., Managing Attorney, Marion Field Office, Southwest Virginia Legal Aid

In the closing session of the day, Daronda Combs will provide an update on elder law in Virginia, focusing on changes effective July 1 of this year. Following her presentation, a panel of regional professionals will respond with brief remarks on how these changes are being experienced “on the ground,” including their impact on victims, perpetrators, and those who work with victims.

Panelists are prosecutor Debra K. Sifford, elder abuse prevention specialist Janet Brennend, APS specialist Carol McCray, gerontologist Dr. Gary S. Williams, bank manager Doug Horne, and financial advisor James Lawson.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to ask questions of Combs, individual panel members, or the group as a whole.

To be complacent about elder justice is to be complicit in elder abuse.

In fact, our national negligence is a proximate cause of elder abuse.

When our elders lose their sight, it's natural;
when we turn a blind eye to their plight, it's negligent.

When our elders lose their hearing, it's natural;
when we are deaf to their cries for help, it's negligent.

When our elders lose their voice, it's natural;
when we choose not to voice our concerns, it's negligent.

And when our elder's capacity is reduced, it's natural;
when their physical and financial assets are reduced, without consent, it's criminal.

- Philip C. Marshall

SPEAKER BIOS

Philip C. Marshall

Philip C. Marshall is the grandson of New York philanthropist Brooke Astor, who was the victim of elder abuse by Anthony Marshall, her son and Philip's father. In 2006, after years of increasing concern, Marshall, with the help of others, sought a petition for guardianship (which was awarded) for his grandmother.

In the years since, he has been border to border, coast to coast, to advance the cause of elder justice through advocacy, training, and select projects that foster multi-disciplinary partnerships. In 2015 he testified before the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging. He works with national organizations representing the financial industry, healthcare, law enforcement, social services, guardianship, and other arenas to advance efforts – beyond Brooke.

Now professor emeritus at Roger Williams University, where he served as professor and director of the historic preservation program, Marshall also held faculty positions at Columbia University and the University of Vermont. He holds a B.A. from Brown University and an M.S. from the University of Vermont.

Paul Greenwood

Paul Greenwood is a retired Deputy District Attorney and the former head of the Elder Abuse Prosecution Unit of the San Diego DA's Office. In his 25 years as a prosecutor, he was involved in the prosecution of over 600 felony cases of elder and dependent adult abuse, both physical and financial. Greenwood testified before the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging in 2001, 2007 & 2012, was a presenter at the first International Conference on Elder Abuse in 1998, and was a speaker at the inaugural session of the Elder Justice Council in Washington, DC in 2016.

He has been the recipient of numerous awards, including the National Adult Protective Services Award in 2010, and was inducted into the Elder Rights Advocacy Hall of Fame in 2011.

Described by the National Center on Elder Abuse as "the DA we all wish we had," Greenwood has been featured on both CBS's "Eye on America" and NBC's "Nightly News." He is a frequent and sought-after trainer, and a recognized expert on the prosecution of elder abuse.

Robert B. Schaefer

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Schaefer, who is a professional trainer for the Alzheimer's Association, served as a volunteer instructor for the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) for 12 years, training first responders (police, fire, EMS, and search & rescue) across the Commonwealth. He also served as a member of DCJS' Alzheimer's Training Committee overseeing and developing statewide training programs for first responders on Alzheimer's disease and dementia. He was appointed by Governor Mark R. Warner and served on the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Commission until 2012. Schaefer is a Certified Dementia Practitioner (CDP).

Daronda Combs

Daronda Combs, Esq., is managing attorney of the Marion Field Office of Southwest Virginia Legal Aid, where her practice focuses on domestic and family law, including elder abuse. She is a graduate of George Mason University, where she earned a B.A. in Integrative Studies with a Concentration in Environmental Law and Public Policy. She also holds a J.D. from Vermont Law School.

In addition to 13 years as a Legal Aid attorney, Combs is a former Wythe County prosecutor.

Closing session panelists:

Debra K. Sifford, Esq., Deputy Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney, Giles County/Elder Justice Task Force of the New River Valley;

Janet Brennend, Elder Abuse Prevention Specialist, New River Valley Area Agency on Aging/Elder Justice Task Force of the New River Valley;

Carol McCray, DARS Adult Services/Adult Protective Services Specialist, Western Region;

Dr. Gary S. Williams, M.D., FAAFP, Gerontologist, Williams Physician Services, Big Stone Gap;

Doug Horne, Senior Vice President & Area Manager (Cumberland Region), New People's Bank, Wise; and

James Lawson, Financial Advisor, Edward Jones, Wise.

REGISTRATION

For best rates, register online on or before July 20.

To register online for the Aug. 3 elder abuse conference, visit

<https://swvlegalaid.regfox.com/2018-elder-abuse-conference>

PLEASE NOTE: Advance registration deadline is July 20, 2018. Registrations received in our office after July 20 deadline will be considered late registrations and will be subject to the \$40 registration fee. If you have questions, please call (276) 783-8300. Registrations cannot be accepted by phone.

To register by mail:

Complete and submit this form, along with your check made payable to Southwest Virginia Legal Aid, to:
SVLAS, 227 W. Cherry St., Marion, VA 24354.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone/E-Mail: _____

Registration fee (choose one):

_____ \$30 registrations received on or before July 20 _____ \$40 registrations received after July 20 (subject to availability)

Limited walk-in registration, if any, is anticipated at the door. Register now to secure your space. Fees include lunch & breaks.

Certification of Attendance & Continuing Education Credits:

All registrants will receive a certificate of attendance.

Continuing education credits are being sought for magistrates & clerks, attorneys, and law enforcement professionals.

For those seeking credits, please indicate which certification you are requesting for your participation:

___ CLE credits for magistrates & clerks ___ CLE credits for attorneys ___ PIC-3 credits for law enforcement