



Hot Topics in Medical/Nursing Home Litigation

October 22, 2009

Sponsored by the Medical-Legal and Nursing Home Negligence Committee

3.5 CLE Hours, including 1.0 Ethics Hour, in Missouri and Kansas (pending)

This seminar will provide attendees an update on how courts in Kansas and Missouri are interpreting pre-suit arbitration agreements and discussion on the arguments that practitioners can use to enforce or avoid the arbitration agreement. Attendees will learn effective methods to address liens to assist in valuation and resolution. The seminar will also provide attendees with an update on current developments in evidential and ethical issues related to ex parte communications with treating physicians and former employees. Finally, the panel will discuss current trends in the admissibility of medical expenses at trial.

12:30 p.m. Registration

Moderators: **Thomas L. Wagstaff**, *Wagstaff & Cartmell, LLP* & **Richard M. Acosta**, *Horn, Aylward & Bandy, LLC*

1 p.m. Arbitration Clauses & Process - **Blake H. Reeves**, *Polsinelli Shughart PC*

A close analysis of arbitration clauses and the judicial system's interpretation of them in both Kansas and Missouri, along with the arbitration process in the context of medical/nursing home litigation.

1:50 p.m. Medicare / Medicaid Liens - **Samuel Wendt**, *Wendt Goss, PC*

An in-depth discussion about the process of handling Medicare / Medicaid liens in an effort to avoid headache and delay with respect to the underlying case.

2:40 p.m. Break

2:55 p.m. Evidentiary Dilemmas (1.0 Ethics Hour) - **Michael J. Mohlman** (Plaintiff), *The Sly James Law Firm, PC* & **Thomas A. Rottinghaus** (Defense), *Polsinelli Shughart PC*

An exploration of conflicting perspectives on speaking with physicians, former employees, and the admissibility of medical bills in medical and nursing home litigation. This segment will include a brief history on the recent past, the present, and the possibility of some insight on where courts are heading on these issues.

4:10 p.m. Adjourn

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