

Pennsylvania Association of Elder Law Attorneys



“Determining Capacity to Execute a Power of Attorney”

September 20, 2023 ♦ 12:00 Noon ♦ Pre-registration Required
Zoom Webinar link in the email accompanying this Flyer

As attorneys, we must deal with questions about the capacity of our clients to execute legal documents, including Powers of Attorney. We need to determine whether clients have sufficient capacity or not and what tools might help with this determination. This course will discuss what capacity is and what some considerations are for determining capacity from a medical and legal standpoint. Examples will be included.

Presented By Kathleen Breslin MA, MS and Psy. D. and Carol Sikov Gross, CELA

Carol Sikov Gross, Esquire, CELA
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Carol is the Immediate Past President of Tree of Life Congregation. She is a lifelong member of Tree of Life and served on the Board for many years prior to being elected as President. Carol chairs the Cemetery Committee and has a grave digger on speed dial. She had chaired the Youth Commission and co-chaired the Adult Education Committee. Her late father, Seymour A. Sikov, was also president of Tree of Life from 1978 – 1980. Carol has two children, Evan and Rayna, both of whom are members of Tree of Life. She enjoys working out, playing mahjong and bridge and attending the theater.

Carol is the managing partner in the Pittsburgh law firm of Sikov and Love, P.A. She is a certified elder law attorney (CELA) through the National Elder Law Foundation as authorized by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and was admitted as a Fellow to the American College of Trust and Estate Council (ACTEC) in 2012. Carol was the founding chair of the Elder Law Committee of the Allegheny County Bar Association (ACBA) and a past chair of the ACBA Probate and Trust Law Section Council. Carol is a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA) and a Vice President of the Pennsylvania Association of Elder Law Attorneys (PAELA). She has served on the Pennsylvania Bar Association (PBA) Elder Law Section Council. She writes for the *Pittsburgh Legal Journal*. Ms. Sikov Gross is a frequent speaker for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute and others as well as for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes at Carnegie Mellon University and at the University of Pittsburgh. She has been listed as an elder law attorney in *Best*

Lawyers in America and has been selected for inclusion in *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers*®.

Kathleen Breslin, MA., MS., Psy.D
Licensed Psychologist/Neuropsychologist
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Dr. Breslin is a licensed psychologist in the state of Pennsylvania. She earned her undergraduate and master's degree in Clinical Psychology from West Chester University of Pennsylvania. She then went on to complete a master's degree and doctorate from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. She completed her neuropsychological training at Jefferson University Hospital, Moss Rehab Hospital, and the Penn Memory Center. She completed her doctoral internship in clinical neuropsychology at Penn Medicine/Lancaster General Hospital where she received her post-doctoral training in the department of Neurology at the University of Virginia Health System where she specialized in working with adults and older adults with neurodegenerative diseases including Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, and Multiple Sclerosis. Dr. Breslin also has specialized training in cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) and was a teacher's assistant for Dr. Arthur Freeman. She is also a certified brain injury specialist. Research interests include epilepsy, Alzheimer's disease, and Parkinson's disease, and factors that impact neuropsychological performance.

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