

SENIOR LAWYERS COMMITTEE
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PURPOSE

The goals and purposes of the committee are to address the issues and problems typically confronting aging lawyers and to identify the benefits such lawyers can confer on the Connecticut Bar Association, the profession, and the community. The committee will implement ways to assist senior lawyers who are reducing practice commitments, phasing out of the practice, winding down or transferring a practice, entering retirement, and facing healthcare or family loss issues.

ANNUAL REPORT

In its second year of existence since it was organized in 2006, the Senior Lawyers Committee (the "SLC") continued its pattern of meeting six times each year. The programs presented by members of the committee and by guests were structured to address the three most pressing issues, namely health insurance, retirement planning, and tax advice, identified by respondents to the 2006 survey of senior lawyers. In addition, a meeting was held jointly with the Professional Ethics Committee and the Professional Discipline Committee, the topic of which was improving the protection of the public while preserving the integrity, productivity, and dignity of aging lawyers.

Members of the SLC presented a comprehensive program on health issues and insurance.

The nationwide issue of mandatory retirement requirements for lawyers was discussed at meetings of the SLC, the result of which was the recommendation of the SLC to the CBA to appoint a special committee to research the issue for its relevancy to Connecticut law firms.

Pro bono opportunities were discussed at several meetings of the SLC.

Members of the SLC planned and organized a seminar entitled "Passing the Torch (Without Getting Burned)", which was presented on March 28, 2008.

The SLC also sponsored a seminar on financial planning for retirement.