

**PROBATE, TRUSTS AND ESTATES SECTION  
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**NEWSLETTER**

June 2024

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**Upcoming Events & CLE Programs**

**Probate, Trusts and Estates Section Council Meeting**

- Thursday, September 19, 2024, 3:30 p.m.
- Location: in person and via Zoom
- Contact Tram Nguyen ([tnguyen@mnbars.org](mailto:tnguyen@mnbars.org)) with questions or to attend

**Greater Minnesota Probate & Trust Study Group Conference Call**

- Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.
- Location: Call-in Number: (888) 354-0094; Passcode: 9295091072
- Contact Bradley W. Hanson ([bhanson@quinlivan.com](mailto:bhanson@quinlivan.com)) with questions or to join the group

**CLE Programs:**

- Minnesota CLE, June 10-11, 2024: [2024 Probate and Trust Law Section Conference \(Live In Person\)](#)
  - Minnesota CLE, June 14, 2024: [Pets, Property, and Planning](#)
  - Minnesota CLE, June 21, 2024: [I'd Do Anything for Love \(But I \[Can't\] Do That\): A Refresher on Four Commonly Used Estate Planning Tools](#)
  - Minnesota CLE, June 24-25, 2024: [2024 MSBA Convention \(Live in Person\)](#)
  - Minnesota CLE, June 27-28, 2024: [2024 Probate and Trust Law Section Conference \(Online Replay\)](#)
  - Minnesota CLE, July 23-24, 2024: [2024 MSBA Convention \(Online Replay\)](#)
  - MSBA, August 1, 2024: [Rise of the Machines | Is AI Ready to Impact your Small Law Firm?](#)
  - RCBA, August 26, 2024: [2024 RCBF Charity Golf Tournament](#)
  - HCBA, September 30, 2024: [HCBF Charity Golf Classic](#)
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**2023-2024 Dead Hand Writing Competition Winner**

For the 2023-2024 Competition, students were invited to learn about antemortem probate proceedings and trust validations by (1) exploring their advantages and disadvantages and (2) reviewing other states' laws and commenting on their desirable or undesirable features. The writing prompt and submission details can be found [here](#).

The Writing Competition Committee is pleased to announce the winner of the 2023-2024 Competition, Anthony Rodriguez, 3L at the University of Minnesota! Click [here](#) to read Anthony's submission.

We are grateful to all who participated in this year's Competition. We especially want to thank our guest judges, Judge Michael Browne and Denise Rahne, for their invaluable wisdom and insight.

Details for the 2024-2025 Competition will be announced this fall.

Do you have an idea for a future Dead Hand Writing Competition topic? Contact Tram Nguyen at [tnguyen@mnbars.org](mailto:tnguyen@mnbars.org).

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### **Indian Land Tenure Foundation**

The Indian Land Tenure Foundation (ILTF) is recruiting attorneys for its estate planning program for native landowners.

The ILTF is a national and community organization that focuses on assisting native tribes and native individuals with issues surrounding Indian land. One way the ILTF offers this assistance is via its estate planning project, which provides free estate planning services for native landowners who own federal trust land. ILTF partners with attorneys, firms, and law school clinics who meet with clients and draft the estate plans. These legal service providers are independent contractors with the ILTF and the ILTF reimburses for the amount of work completed (i.e., the number of wills or estate documents drafted and executed). The wills that are written through this program use the American Indian Probate Reform Act (AIPRA) as guidance for federal trust land and state/tribal codes for other types of property.

The ILTF is looking to increase the number of wills written for native landowners and is expanding the number of attorneys involved in the program.

Please contact Caitlin Spence at [cspence@iltf.org](mailto:cspence@iltf.org) for more information or to get involved.

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### **Call for Submissions**

We welcome attorneys to submit brief articles on issues relevant to the Section for distribution via the Newsletter. The Newsletter is sent to the Probate, Trusts and Estates Section membership, which consists of approximately 1,079 practitioners. Writing for the Newsletter is a great way to share your knowledge and expertise with your colleagues. Click [here](#) for examples of articles published in prior editions of the Newsletter.

If you are interested in submitting an article, please contact Kiley Henry ([kiley.kiley@dorsey.com](mailto:kiley.kiley@dorsey.com)) or Andy Gregory ([andy@andygregorylaw.com](mailto:andy@andygregorylaw.com)).

Best Regards,  
Kiley Henry, Jenny Colich & Andy Gregory  
Probate, Trusts and Estates Newsletter Editors

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