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Thursday, April 25 and  
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## Thursday, April 25, 2019

### 7:30 AM REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST

### 8:00 AM WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

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### 8:15 AM 2019 IRA AND RETIREMENT PLANNING UPDATE

This session will cover the best retirement tax planning strategies after tax reform and how to identify the clients who will benefit most from them. The program will focus on recent court cases and IRS rulings that will apply to all clients with retirement accounts.



**ED SLOTT**  
*Ed Slott and Company, LLC*  
Rockville Centre, NY

### 9:55 AM REFRESHMENT BREAK

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### 10:15 AM RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ESTATE PLANNING AND ESTATE AND TRUST ADMINISTRATION

This will be a review of recent legislative, judicial, and regulatory developments in the areas of estate planning and estate and trust administration. Special attention will be paid to planning as a result of the 2017 Tax Act, marital planning, valuation, gifts, estate inclusion, insurance, generation-skipping planning, asset protection, and fiduciary income taxation.



**CHARLES D. "SKIP" FOX IV**  
*McGuire Woods LLP*  
Charlottesville, VA

### 11:05 AM IT'S ALL IN THE FAMILY...WHAT'S A FAMILY?

The structure of the family has changed dramatically since the 1950's, when many of our traditional estate and financial planning strategies were developed. This presentation will provide an overview of changing generational attributes, marital practices and family structures, and examine their implications for estate planning, trust design and family collaboration and governance.



**R. HUGH MAGILL**  
*Northern Trust Corporation*  
Chicago, IL

### 11:55 AM LUNCH BREAK (included in fee)

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### 12:45 PM FULL DISCLOSURE: IT'S A MATTER OF TRUST

The open disclosure of information to beneficiaries is one of the fundamental duties of a trustee, and is also typically viewed as an indicia of a trustee acting in good faith. The trustee's duty to disclose at common law is rarely subject to controversy, but to whom the duty is owed is a source of regular uncertainty and ongoing litigation. There also are new developing rules on the ability of a trust settlor to override the common law duty and create a "silent trust." This session will explore these areas in-depth.



**THOMAS W. ABENDROTH**  
*Schiff Hardin LLP*  
Chicago, IL

### 1:35 PM CHARITABLE GIFTS OF COMPLEX ASSETS

Mr. Doyle will discuss the structure and income, estate and gift tax consequences of charitable gifts of securities, closely held business interests (C corporations, S corporations, partnerships), retirement plans, artwork, bitcoin, stock options, deferred compensation, life insurance, real estate, intellectual property, and cars, boats and planes. In addition, compliance issues and substantiation rules will be reviewed.



**JEREMIAH W. DOYLE, IV**  
*BNY Mellon Wealth Management*  
Boston, MA

### 2:25 PM REFRESHMENT BREAK

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## 2:45 PM DO AS I SAY, NOT AS I WRITE: PERSPECTIVES ON DRAFTING, ADMINISTRATION AND BEYOND

The panelists will evaluate various trust provisions from different perspectives, namely that of a drafter, administrator, and trial lawyer. They will compare provisions in actual trust instruments with potential challenges in interpreting, implementing, and even litigating such language, and provide insights on how to draft with clarity and precision, to the extent practical and advisable.



**THOMAS W. ABENDROTH**  
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**STACY E. SINGER**  
*The Northern Trust Company*  
Chicago, IL



**VIVIAN L. THOREEN**  
*Holland & Knight LLP*  
Los Angeles, CA

## 3:35 PM ETHICS: THE ESTATE PLANNER'S GUIDE TO RELIGIOUS IMPLICATIONS IN ESTATE PLANNING

When an estate planning attorney is working with someone strong in their faith, especially when that client has a different faith than that of the attorney, doesn't the attorney provide a greater service to the client with an understanding of how the client's faith might impact their estate plan? This presentation discusses how the religious requirements of Christianity, Islam and Judaism may impact the estate planning for clients who practice those faiths. The ethical implications of those requirements will also be discussed.



**STACY E. SINGER**  
*The Northern Trust Company*  
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## 4:25 PM NETWORKING SOCIAL

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## Friday, April 26, 2019

## 7:30 AM REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST

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## 8:00 AM ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INTRODUCTIONS

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## 8:10 AM STATE LAW PITFALLS: DON'T STEP IN IT WHEN YOUR CLIENTS STEP ACROSS STATE LINES

This presentation will cover what estate planning practitioners need to know about the federal income taxation of estates and trusts, with an emphasis on recent developments and the common mistakes and traps in the field.



**PROF. GERRY W. BEYERS**  
*Texas Tech University School of Law*  
Lubbock, TX

## 9:00 AM ARE YOU BUILDING A HOUSE OF CARDS?

Planning and drafting in anticipation of incapacity and disability can be like building on a shaky foundation. If the architect and contractors are not in step, the building may collapse. The same is true for estate planning. Drafting must be done with the planning objects in mind, particularly when the client or one of the beneficiaries is, or may become, incapacitated. This session will address how to provide flexibility in your documents to avoid building a house of cards.



**BERNARD A. KROOKS**  
*Littman Krooks LLP*  
New York, NY

## 9:50 AM REFRESHMENT BREAK

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## 10:10 AM CHOICE (OR CHANGE) OF ENTITY UNDER CONTEMPORARY INCOME TAX RULES

Once upon a time, practitioners advised clients to avoid forming C corporations in favor of S corporations or partnerships. But the lower, flat tax applicable to C corporations, together with the preferential tax treatment of dividends, now make C corporations more attractive. This session will explain when it makes sense for a new entity to take the form of a C corporation, and whether it might make sense for existing pass-through entities to convert to C corporation status. Comparisons between S corporations and partnerships will also figure prominently.

## 11:00 AM UNDERSTANDING THE DEDUCTION FOR QUALIFIED BUSINESS INCOME

Section 199A offers many proprietors, partners, and S corporation shareholders the chance to deduct a percentage of their "qualified business incomes." This session will explain the mechanics of the deduction and the planning opportunities every estate planning professional should know.



**PROF. SAMUEL A. DONALDSON**  
*Georgia State University College of Law*  
Atlanta, GA



11:50 AM LUNCH BREAK (included in fee)

**12:35 PM DIVORCE LAWYERS AND ESTATE PLANNERS SHOULD TALK: THE INTERSECTION OF DIVORCE AND ESTATE PLANNING**

This program will address a number of issues on which divorce law and estate planning intersect. Some couples incorporate estate planning obligations in their settlements, for example, an obligation to provide life insurance for children or a former spouse. How should these obligations be structured and how can they be enforced? Other issues arise when a couple divorces without a settlement. For example, what happens when a party forgets to change their will or beneficiary designations after divorce?



**LINDA J. RAVDIN**  
*Pasternak & Fidis, P.C.*  
Bethesda, MD

**1:25 PM TO ERR IS HUMAN – TO FORGIVE, DIVINE**

We all make mistakes – in drafting, in estate and trust administration, in tax return preparation. This presentation will address what to do when we've made a mistake and how to avoid making them in the future.



**ANN B. BURNS**  
*Gray Plant Mooty*  
Minneapolis, MN

**2:15 PM REFRESHMENT BREAK**

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**2:35 PM UN-SQUEAKING THE WHEEL: MANAGING DIFFICULT PERSONALITIES IN ESTATE, TRUST AND BUSINESS SUCCESSION PLANNING**

Addiction and mental health issues present significant risks to family well-being and wealth preservation, and recent research suggests higher incidence of these issues within affluent communities. This presentation will address techniques for navigating special family dynamics where a situation involves individuals who face mental health or substance abuse challenges, autism spectrum and other executive functioning disorders.



**LAUREN WOLVEN**  
*Levenfeld Pearlstein, LLC*  
Chicago, IL

**3:25 PM ETHICS: ANTICIPATING CHALLENGES TO AN ESTATE PLAN: THE BEST DEFENSE IS A GOOD OFFENSE**

This presentation will cover several, select topics relevant to challenges to the validity of a will or trust, including the scope of and terms of engagement letters, the drafting attorney as a potential witness, the circumstances under which a client should undergo a medical examination, bullet-proofing the drafting, and dos and don'ts for the execution ceremony.



**VIVIAN L. THOREEN**  
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**4:15 PM CLOSING REMARKS AND ADJOURN**

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