

WAYNE COUNTY PROBATE COURT

2025 ATTORNEY TRAINING

AGENDA

Thursday, October 9, 2025

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

9:00 - 9:05 AM	Introduction	Hon. David Braxton <i>Chief Judge,</i> <i>Wayne County Probate Court</i>
9:05 - 9:35 AM	Probate Court Jurisdiction	Hon. Lawrence J. Paolucci <i>Judge,</i> <i>Wayne County Probate Court</i>
9:35 - 10:05 AM	Anatomy of Probate Case Decedent Estates	Kevin Sanker, Esq. <i>Court Attorney</i> <i>Wayne County Probate Court</i>
10:05 - 10:35 AM	Anatomy of Probate Case Guardianships & Conservatorships	Jennifer Parmalee, Esq. <i>Chief Deputy Probate Register</i> <i>Wayne County Probate Court</i>
10:35 - 10:45 AM	Q&A (for early AM presentations)	<i>All presenters</i>
10:45 - 10:55 AM	Break	
10:55 - 11:05 AM	The Process at Wayne County Probate Court: Who and What Attorneys Need to Know to Practice Effectively	Jennifer Parmalee, Esq. <i>Chief Deputy Probate Register</i> <i>Wayne County Probate Court</i>
11:05 - 11:30 AM	Serving as Guardian Ad Litem - Overview and Common-Sense Approach	Hon. Terrance A. Keith <i>Judge,</i> <i>Wayne County Probate Court</i> with special assistance from: Attorney Teri Jordan Attorney Roman Ficaj
11:30 - 12:00 PM	Serving as Assigned Counsel - Adult Guardianships Minor Guardianships DD Matters	Hon. Macie T. Gaines, <i>Judge,</i> <i>Wayne County Probate Court</i>
12:00 - 12:25 PM	Serving as Assigned Counsel - Mental Health Petitions & Introduction to the BHU	Sojourner Jones <i>BHU Liaison Manager</i> <i>Wayne County Probate Court</i>
12:25 - 12:30 PM	Q&A (for late AM presentations)	<i>All presenters</i>

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1:30 PM - 4:00 PM

1:30 - 1:35 PM	Introduction	Hon. David Braxton <i>Chief Judge,</i> <i>Wayne County Probate Court</i>
1:35 - 2:00 PM	Special Fiduciary Appointments	Jennifer Parmalee, Esq. <i>Chief Deputy Probate Register</i> <i>Wayne County Probate Court</i>
2:00 - 2:30 PM	How to Close a Case - Decedent Estates - Guardianship, Trust, CA, etc.	Kevin Sanker <i>Court Attorney</i> <i>Wayne County Probate Court</i>
2:30 - 2:40 PM	Attorney Do's and Dont's	Honorable David A. Perkins <i>Chief Judge Pro Tempore</i> <i>Wayne County Probate Court</i>
2:40 - 2:55 PM	Administrative & Procedural Updates at WCPC --> Vouchers --> Form updates (EHR, GFD)	April K. Maycock <i>Probate Register</i> <i>Wayne County Probate Court</i>
2:55 - 3:20 PM	Hot Issues at WCPC -->Filing Rejections -->Civil Lawsuits	Jennifer Parmalee, Esq. <i>Chief Deputy Probate Register</i> <i>Wayne County Probate Court</i>
3:20 - 3:40 PM	Case Law and Legislative Updates	Hon. Michael J. McClory <i>Judge,</i> <i>Wayne County Probate Court</i>
3:40 - 3:45 PM	Wayne County Probate Bar Association	John M. Chase, III <i>WCPBA President</i>
3:40 - 3:55 PM	Q&A (for PM presentations)	<i>All presenters</i>
3:55 - 4:00 PM	Closing Remarks	Hon. David Braxton <i>Chief Judge,</i> <i>Wayne County Probate Court</i>

End of afternoon session