

## Agenda:

- 9:00 a.m. Registration Desk Open**
- 10:00 a.m. Welcome & Opening Remarks**  
Ed Thomas- Arc of MO President
- 10:15 a.m. Keynote Speaker: Jonathan Martinis**  
Sr. Director of Law & Policy, Burton Blatt Institute  
*Supported Decision-Making: From Justice for Jenny to Justice for All!*
- 11:15 a.m. Break**
- 11:30 a.m. Breakout Session 1:**
- **Breakout Session (A)** "Supported Decision-Making from Theory to Practice: Special Education and Vocational Rehabilitation" (Jonathan Martinis)
  - **Breakout Session (B)** "Changes in Missouri Guardianship Law" (David English, Dan Wheeler, & Dolores Sparks)
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch & Awards Presentation**
- 1:15 p.m. Breakout Session 2:**
- **Breakout Session (A)** "Guardianships and Conservatorships: Appointment & Administration" (Sheryl Feutz-Harter & Dan Wheeler)
  - **Breakout Session (B)** "Alternatives to Missouri Guardianship: Risks & Benefits" (Elizabeth Moran and Susan Eckles)
- 2:00 p.m. Break**
- 2:15 p.m. Breakout Session 3:**
- **Breakout Session (A)** "Supported Decision-Making from Theory to Practice: Health Care and Life Planning" (Jonathan Martinis)
  - **Breakout Session (B)** "The Schools' Role in Planning and Preparing Students for Life After High School" (Sally Smith)
- 3:00 p.m. Break**
- 3:15 p.m. Panel Discussion**

## Keynote Speaker:

**Jonathan Martinis** Senior Director of Law & Policy, *Burton Blatt Institute* and Project Director, *National Resource Center for Supported Decision Making*. Syracuse, NY.

## Breakout Session Speakers:

- Dan Wheeler:** Attorney - Kirkland Woods & Martinsen LLP
- David English:** Professor of Law - University of Missouri Law School
- Delores Sparks:** Program Coordinator - Missouri Developmental Disabilities Council
- Sheryl Feutz-Harter:** Attorney - Forbes Law Group
- Elizabeth Moran:** Attorney - University of Missouri Kansas City School of Law
- Susan Eckles:** Attorney - Missouri Protection & Advocacy Services
- Dr. Sally Smith:** Transition Program Coordinator - North Kansas City School District

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**Jonathan Martinis** is the Senior Director for Law and Policy for the Burton Blatt Institute at Syracuse University. Jonathan has over 20 years' experience representing people with disabilities to help them protect their rights. In 2013, Jonathan represented Margaret "Jenny" Hatch in the "Justice for Jenny" case – the first trial to hold that a person has the right to use Supported Decision-Making to make her life choices instead of being subjected to a permanent, plenary guardianship. Since then, Jonathan has been published in national journals and textbooks and trained thousands of people across the country about everyone's Right to Make Choices and direct their lives.

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**Daniel P. Wheeler** is a shareholder with the firm of Kirkland Woods & Martinsen LLP. Mr. Wheeler focuses his practice on fiduciary litigation, probate administration, adult and minor guardianships, and mediation in cases throughout Missouri and Kansas. Mr. Wheeler served as a Probate Commissioner for the Circuit Court of Jackson County, Missouri for more than fourteen years. As Probate Commissioner, he presided over family and fiduciary disputes in trust and probate matters, including fiduciary litigation, complex trust litigation, discovery of assets actions, surety claims and general probate administration in decedent, guardianship and conservatorship estates. He has been chosen to be the probate presenter at the annual Missouri Judicial College for the past seventeen years, and also presents annually at the conference of the Missouri Association of Probate & Associate Circuit Judges. He speaks regularly at the Missouri Bar annual meeting as well as numerous continuing legal education seminars for the Missouri Bar, the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association and the University of Missouri at Kansas City. He is a member of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. Prior to joining the bench, Mr. Wheeler was in engaged in private practice in the area of probate litigation and administration matters.

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**David English** is the W.F. Fratcher Professor of Law at the University of Missouri, the Chair of the American Bar Association's Section of Real Property Trust and Estate Law, and Co-Chair of MO-WINGS (Missouri Working Interdisciplinary Network of Guardianship Stakeholders). He is also the former Chair of the ABA Commission on Law and Aging and the author or co-author of several treatises on elder law and estate planning.

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**Sheryl Feutz-Harter** is an Attorney with Forbes Law Group. She has over 30 years of experience in health care law, with an emphasis on operational and regulatory compliance as they relate to clinical and bioethical issues, risk management, medical staff issues, professional licensure actions, and HIPAA. This has included issues such as consents, clinical research, involuntary commitments, guardianships, professional review activities, EMTALA, and government surveys. She has developed and implemented compliance programs for a variety of health care entities and business associates, and previously served as General Counsel, Compliance Officer and HIPAA Privacy Officer for a managed behavioral health organization. Sheryl also defended medical malpractice cases for over ten years. Prior to becoming an attorney, Sheryl practiced as a nurse. This included working as an occupational health nurse and, from that experience along with her legal experience, Sheryl has developed extensive knowledge of the occupational health laws and has audited and prepared compliance programs related to the medical requirements under OSHA. Throughout her career, Sheryl has worked with a variety of health care entities and related organizations, providers, and business associates, routinely assisting them with drafting policies and procedures, providing educational programs, and interpreting and implementing federal and state laws. For nine months, Sheryl served as Interim General Counsel for a health care system.



**Dolores Sparks** is a Program Coordinator with the Missouri Developmental Disabilities Council. She leads the council's efforts and initiatives developed to reduce barriers to home and community living opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in our state. In addition to her work with the council Ms. Sparks is past Chair of the Congress on Disability Policy, The Mo Chapter of the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, the Missouri Assistive Technology Advisory Council. She currently serves as Co-Chair of MO-WINGS, Missouri's Interdisciplinary Network of Guardianship Stakeholders and Chairs Missouri's Money Follows the Person Stakeholders Group.



**Elizabeth Moran** As a disability rights advocate and litigation attorney, founder and director of Midwest Advocacy for Disability Rights (MADR), law professor, sibling of an adult with I/DD, and former Public Policy Coordinator for the Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities, Elizabeth A. Moran, J.D. has been dedicated to helping individuals with I/DD, their families, and their supports to navigate the legal, educational, and support services systems for nearly 30 years. She is Chair of the MO State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, licensed in both MO (2007) and KS (2008), serves on the Board of Directors for the Developmental Disability Services of Jackson County, MO (eitas), and is passionate about supporting families as they seek information and understanding of the options and alternatives available to them as they pursue the most appropriate means of the long-term supports necessary to live "the good life." A strong supporter of supported decision-making, community inclusion, and an enthusiast of creative problem solving, Elizabeth and her network of advocates are dedicated to providing resources, support, and advocacy for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), their families, and their supports in the Greater Kansas City and surrounding area.



**Susan Eckles** is the Managing Attorney of Missouri Protection & Advocacy Services, and has served as Mo P&A's representative on the Missouri DD Council since 2008, where she serves on the Home and Community Living, and Employment and Transportation Committees. Susan is a native Nebraskan, who graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1985 with a dual major in history and political science. A 1988 graduate of Washington University in St. Louis School of Law, Susan spent 12 years with the Missouri State Public Defender in appellate and trial practice, representing numerous defendants with disabilities. Susan then spent 3 years in private civil appellate and litigation practice, before joining Mo P&A as Managing Attorney in July 2011. Susan's work with Mo P&A includes spearheading the 2008-2010 statewide Guardianship Project, a demonstration project in cooperation with the DD Council and UCEDD. Susan then helped develop, and served on, the MO WINGS guardianship reform task force.



**Dr. Sally Smith** has worked in the field of special education for over 40 years. During this time Sally has been a classroom teacher, building administrator, district-level coordinator; as well as a courtesy professor at the University of Kansas, Avila University, and Rockhurst University. Earning a doctorate in special education with an emphasis in transition from the University of Kansas, Dr. Smith has spent the majority of her career working to develop programming and educational opportunities for students to prepare them for life after school. This arduous journey from high school to post-secondary life requires collaboration with the student, family, school and adult service providers in order to develop a plan to assist the student to reach these goals.