

SCHENECTADY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
Trusts, Estates and Elder Law Practice Seminar
Thursday, May 21, 2026 – Union College at College Park Hall, 450 Nott Street, Schenectady
7.0 CLE hours (6.0 professional practice and 1.0 ethics)

- 8:00-8:30 a.m. **Registration and continental breakfast**
- 8:30-8:40 a.m. **Welcome**
Deborah A. Slezak, Esq. – Cioffi Slezak Wildgrube P.C.
Christina W. Meier, Esq. – Meier Law Firm, PLLC
- 8:40-9:30 a.m. **Let’s make this easier: Insights and tips from your friendly county DSS attorney**
(1.0 CLE)
Kimberly Strauchon Verner, Esq. – Assistant County Attorney, Albany County
- 9:30-10:20 a.m. **Surrogate’s Court round-up (1.0 CLE)**
Michael D. Zahler, Esq. – Hodgson Russ LLP
- 10:20-10:35 a.m. **Break**
- 10:35-11:25 a.m. **From appointment to impact: Setting guardians up for success (1.0 CLE)**
Brian T. Cook Jr., Esq. – Assistant County Attorney, Albany County
- 11:25 a.m.-12:15 p.m. **The credit shelter trust hangover: When good planning meets modern tax law - finding the sweet spot between estate tax, income tax, and asset protection (1.0 CLE)**
Laurie S. Keniry, Esq. – Cioffi Slezak Wildgrube P.C.
Heather A. Peterson, CPA – Peterson Campoli & Associates CPAs, PLLC
- 12:15-1:15 p.m. **Lunch**
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and The Schenectady Foundation
- 1:15-2:05 p.m. **Where’s the money Lebowski? A non-litigator’s guide to accounting objections**
(1.0 CLE)
Aaron F. Carbone, Esq. – Vella Carbone & Vinson, LLP
- 2:05-2:55 p.m. **Chief clerks’ insights: Supporting your success (1.0 CLE)**
Lisa Buccini, Esq. – Rensselaer County
Victoria Craft, Esq. – Albany County
Amy C. Stone – Schenectady County
- 2:55-3:10 p.m. **Break**
- 3:10-4:00 p.m. **Ethical considerations in use of artificial intelligence (1.0 CLE - Ethics)**
Prof. Victoria Esposito – Albany Law School

REGISTRATION: SCBA Trusts, Estates and Elder Law CLE Seminar
Thursday, May 21, 2026 at Union College’s College Park Hall, 450 Nott Street, Schenectady
Cost: \$135 for SCBA members; \$250 for non-SCBA attendees (or [join Schenectady County Bar Association](#) and gain member rate); \$75 for paralegals and other law office support staff (no CLE credit) - Includes continental breakfast, lunch
RSVP: By May 7, 2026 and payable to SCBA at PO Box 1728, Schenectady NY 12301-1728 or [pay online](#)
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