

LED Continuing Ed courses for Spring 2009

Feb 23: **"A Consumer's Guide to Wills, Probate, and Inheritance and Gift Taxes."** More than half of all Americans don't have a will. If you are one of them, this means that the state will dictate where your assets go when you die. This may not lead to an equitable share to each of your loved ones, and can cause hard feelings between family members. This class will show you how a will can ensure that your assets will go where you want them to. The class will also discuss probate, which involves appraising the property, paying any debts, and distributing the remainder, and ways to minimize inheritance and gift taxes.

Attorney Libby Ellett Tomar has had her own law practice for twenty-one years and concentrates in estate planning and real estate law. \$25. Monday, February 23, 6 - 8 pm. 091LECM113 Olapa 212

Mar 2: **"Protect Yourself and Your Family through Trusts, Powers of Attorney, and Health Care Directives"** Property left through a will generally goes through probate, which delays distribution to the survivors and leads to additional expenses. Creating a trust, which you control throughout your life, gives your family your property quickly and easily, without probate. Come find out how a trust can work for your loved ones. This class will also inform you of two documents you can use to protect what is important to you if you become seriously ill or injured and cannot communicate: a power of attorney gives the person you choose the power to make decisions on your finances for you when you cannot, and an advanced health care directive is similar for your health-care decisions. Come find out how to protect yourself.

Attorney Libby Ellett Tomar has had her own law practice for twenty-one years and specializes in estate planning and real estate law. \$25. Monday, November 11, 6 - 8 pm. 091LECM114 Olapa 212

Mar 9: **"Consumer Law: What You Need to Know to Protect Yourself."** Can you use an expired gift certificate? How many times do you need to have your new car repaired before you can take advantage of Hawai'i's Lemon Law? What can you do if something you buy looks different from what was advertised? These are all issues of consumer law - the law that affects your life every day. Rights of consumer are important and are protected by state law. This course will cover issues under Hawai'i's unfair practices laws and the Uniform deceptive trade laws. Take this class and find out what your rights are and how you can enforce them under administrative law.

Attorney Ernie Kimoto is the senior staff attorney for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and is an instructor in consumer law in KCC's paralegal program. \$25. Monday, March 9, 6 - 8 pm. 091LECM115 Olapa 212

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Mar 16: "**Mastering Medicaid.**" Medicaid pays for medical care and related services, including long-term care. Who is covered? What services are covered? If you have Medicaid, are you still eligible for Medicare? Find out what care and services Hawaii's Fee-for-Service Medicaid program covers, who qualifies, and what the restrictions are.

Attorney Scott Makuakane has over twenty years of practice in estate planning and trusts and Medicaid planning, and is a former instructor in estate planning in KCC's paralegal program. \$25. Monday, March 16, 6 - 8 pm. 091LECM112 Olapa 212