



## **How to Handle a Pro Bono Guardianship Matter Special-Needs Adult Children**

**LCD and St. Christopher's Hospital for Children (St. Chris)** began their partnership in 2011 through the PHILAKids Medical-Legal Partnership (MLP). Many of the children seen at St. Christopher's Center for Special Health Care Needs have significant disabilities that severely affect their cognitive abilities. As these children approach adulthood they will always require an adult to care for them and provide for their safety and wellbeing.

**LCD also collaborates with Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP).** Both St. Chris and CHOP include information about obtaining guardianship when assisting families transitioning their special-needs adult child from pediatric care to an adult provider. LCD receives guardianship referrals from St. Chris and CHOP as part of this transition process.

**LCD and Dechert LLP** are sponsoring a free 1.5 substantive CLE training program (credit approval pending) for attorneys on the topic of guardianship. ***You need not be a litigator to handle a guardianship case.*** This program will provide an overview of guardianship practice in Philadelphia. The program will emphasize handling a guardianship case where the proposed guardian is the parent of an adult special-needs child whose childhood diagnosis has permanently affected his/her legal capacity.

**Wednesday, April 18, 2018**

**9:00am to 10:45am**

**Dechert LLP**

**2929 Arch Street – Cira Centre**

**Philadelphia, PA 19104**

***Training materials and breakfast will be provided***

*Training will be conducted by:*

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