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(1) *December '89* First Annual MAGiC Conference Splash Hit; Judge Belois Appointed to Probate Bench; LSS, Terry Larpenteur Named in Contracts with Ramsey County; Legislative Update; New Mexico Guardianship Project

(2) *April, '90* Public Guardianship Discharge Initiative; Guardianship Services in Olmsted County; Legislative Update

(3) *July '90* San Francisco Adopts Mandatory Education for Guardians; AV Technology Arrives in Judicial System; National Study of Guardianship Systems; Oregon's Adult Foster Care Program; The Decision-Making Process; CPR: The Difficult Decision;

(4) *October '90* Henn. Cty. District Court Appoints New Referee for Probate Division; Conservator/Guardian Project, Protection for Vulnerable Adults in Hennepin County; Medical Decision Advocate Program; Nursing Home Bill of Rights

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(1) *January* SAIL Presents Final Report; Professional Liability Coverage Available for Conservators; Legislative Update; Surrogate Decision Making Committee Program; Fees Committee Report: Indigent Clients

(2) *April* Alternatives; Corporate Guardianship; Legislative Update

(3) *July* Public Guardianship Discharge Initiative - It Does Make a Difference; Kowalski Update; LSS Offers Program to Assist with Managing Finances; Conservator's and Guardian's Fees

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(1) *January Managing Finances* Statutory Requirements for Sale/Lease of Real Estate; Errors and Omissions; Controlling Assets to Manage Chemical Dependency

(2) *April Coping with Cognitive Impairment* Update on Alzheimer's Disease; Assessing Need for Conservatorship for Persons with D.D.; TBI; Public Guardianship Discharge Initiative

(3) *July Making Medical Decisions*

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(4) *October The Business of the Business: Professional Fiduciaries* 10 Ways to Limit Conservator Liability; Selection of Professional Conservators; Pros and Cons of Conservatorship Certification; Surety Bonding of Professional Fiduciaries; Ebenezer Conservator Training Program; Advocacy & Caregiving, Dual Roles

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(2) *April MAGiC - New Directions*

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(4) *October Neuroleptic Medication...Breaking Court Decision* In Re: The Conservatorship of Constance May; Epilepsy - Fallacies and Facts; Communicating with the Media

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(2) April On Death and Dying: The Last Decisions The Medicare Hospice Benefit and How it Works; Preparing Incapacitated People for Death; Know Your Role and Who has the Authority to Make Life Ending Decisions; The Benefits of Prearranging and Prefunding Client's Funeral; Effect of Conservatee's Death on Sale of Assets; Viatical Settlements: Death Benefits for the Living

(3) July Controlling Thoughts & Actions: Psychotropic Medications Psychotropic Medication Treatment Consents and Conservator; Procedural Guide for Neuroleptic Petitions; Tardive Dyskinesia; Alternatives to Neuroleptics; Conservator's Perspective on the Constance May Decision; Neuroleptic Malignant Syndrome; Problems with Jarvis; Notes from Hennepin County Probate Division; Antipsychotic Medications, Basic and Bare Facts; Examples of Psychotropic Medication as of 1993; Will I Have to Pay More Taxes on My Social Security?; Help with Medicare Premiums, Co-Payments, and Deductibles

(4) October Looking at Ourselves: MAGiC Reviews MAGiC Conference Committee; Why Commissioner of Human Services Objects to Constance May; Treasurer's Report; Legislative Committee Update; Report of Membership Committee; Member Services Committee; By-Laws Report and Grant Committee Report; Journal Committee Update; Nominations Committee; MAGiC Standards Update; Report from the Recorder; 1994 MAGiC Reader Survey Results; An Outstate Perspective - One MAGiC Member's Opinion

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(2) April An Inside View...I Respect Her; Persons Living with Mental Illness; In Her Eyes; Butcher Revisited; Legislative Update

(3) July Commitment Vs. Conservatorship Civil Commitment and Guardianship / Conservatorship Compared; Commitment Process: Mental Illness and Chemical Dependency; Emergency Mental Health Holds; Inside View of Conservatees Committed to RTCs; Commitment v. Conservatorship: One County's Experience; MN Supreme Court Task Force on Civil Commitment; Commitment Process Under MN Commitment Act

(4) October Advocating For Your Client A Conservatee's Bill of Rights; Advocate: Who Needs One?; Working with Families; 10 Tips For Communicating With Families For Positive Client Outcomes; Everything is Perfectly Fine; Solving a Problem - Coming to a Conservatee's Assistance; Resources for Conservators

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(3) August Alzheimer's Disease A Review of Alzheimer's Disease; Questions About Alzheimer's; Progressive Stages of Alzheimer's Disease; State Offers Special Phone Equipment; The MN Prudent Investor Act: Setting a New Standard for Fiduciaries

(4) **November** Making Informed Decisions About CPR; Major Depression in Late Life; Resources; Definitions

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(3) **August** *Outer Limits of Conservatorship of Person* Power to Consent to Medical Care; Power Not to Consent to Medical Care; Supervisory Powers; Abode; Grounds for Removal; Making a Will; Marriage & the Conservatee; Marriage Dissolution

(4) **November** *The Outer Limits of Conservatorship of Estate* Financial Exploitation & Powers to Set Aside Transactions; Notice of Lis Pendens; Charges Finally Pressed After 14 Months & Justice May be Served; Lawyer Liability for the Acts of Fiduciary Clients; Applying for Medical Assistance on Behalf of a Conservatee; Guardianship & Conservatorship Bill Draft

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(2) **April** *Belly Up To The Bar: The Court Issue* Clear & Convincing Evidence in Conservatorship Proceedings; Conservatorship Statistics in MN; Straight Scoop; Planning for Initial Hearing; Court Visiting in Henn. Cty.; Serving & Complying with Subpoenas; How to Be Good Witness; General Rules of Practice; The Bond

(3) **July** *Gettin' Down to Business* Marketing in Guardianship; Professional Liability Insurance for Conservator; 10 Ways to Limit Conservator Liability; Business of the Business of Conservators Setting Limits on Client Referrals: When to Say No; Conservators & Role of APS; Conservator Personal Life? oxymoron?; Show Me the Money; County Billing Procedures

(4) **October** *To Everything There is A Season...A Time to Die* Hospice: Special Kind of Care; Perspectives on Hospice Care; Pain Management at End of Life; DNR Guidelines for Use in Community Settings; Changing World of Advance Directives; Whose Body Is It? Using Advance Funeral Directive to Plan Ahead for Final Disposition; Making a Will; The Pre-arranged Funeral; Mandated Price Disclosures in Funeral Industry; End of Life Issues: Dealing with Family, Caring for Yourself

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(3) **July** *You've Come a Long Way, MAGiC... 10 Year Anniversary Edition* A Few Milestones, MAGiC Highlights: First 10 Years; Conservator's Perspectives on the Last 10 Years; Meet the MAGiC Executive Board; MN Appellate Case Summaries

(4) October *More Than Just Pets... Creatures Who Comfort* Pets are Good for Heart and Soul; Developing Eden in Nursing Homes; Alzheimer's/Dementia Unit Adopts Pets & Plants; Conservatorship and Pets; Obtaining, Maintaining & Parting with Pets; More Than Pets – These Creatures Transform Lives; Conservators Sweep to Chicago

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(2) April *Out of Control... Managing Addiction* Aging Alcoholics; Controlling Assets to Manage Chemical Dependency (updated); Enabling: About More Than Alcoholism; Bridgeway Inpatient Program Closes; Court Intervention to Manage Chemical Dependency; Chemical Dependency Resource for Hennepin Cty. Senior Citizens; Beyond Chemical Addiction

(3) July *Staying on Track... Staying Out of Trouble* Learning from Others' Mistakes to Avoid Trouble; The Perspective of the Hennepin County Probate Court; Court Expectations of a Conservator From a Lawyer's Point of View; A Conservator Gone Bad; Congress Considers New Standards for Rep. Payees; Understanding Bonds; Getting In; NGA Forms Book Samples

(4) October *Spooky Choices... Making Tough Decisions* To Drink or Not to Drink; Corpus Controversial; Sex & the Conservatee; The Driving Dilemma; Conservators and Fees; Office of Ombudsman for Older MN; Advocate's Role

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(3) July *When It's Not Your Money . . . Investing For Others* Prudent Investor Rule; Understand the Basics; Investment Tips for Conservators; Fiduciary Duty to Diversify Assets; Perils of Investing, Bond Company Perspective; Choosing a Financial Professional; Investment Risk; New Rules Preserve IRA Value; Misc. Considerations

(4) October *Home Sweet Nursing Home* Long-Term Care in Minnesota: A Status Report; The "Ins and Outs" of Nursing Homes: How to Choose One and How to Do a Discharge; LTCC Quick Facts; Pre-Admission Screening Program: Changed to Long Term Care Consultation Services; Nursing Home Admission Agreements; Minnesota Nursing Home Residents' Bill of Rights; How to File a Complaint Against a Nursing Home

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(2) April *The Cognition Issue: It's a Grey Matter* Evaluation and Treatment of Dementia in Older Adults; Cognitive Impairments and Interacting with Cognitively Impaired Adults; Understanding Cognitive Impairments in Older Adults; Anticipating the Future Care Needs of the Cognitively Impaired Client; Ethical Issues Arising Out of the Representation of Cognitively Impaired Persons; Supplemental and Special Needs Trusts

(3) July *Legally Blond: Filing the Void Between Your Ears with Legal Stuff* In Re the Conservatorship of Pauline Miller; Summaries of Appellate Court Cases from 1999 to 2002; Changes Coming in the Minnesota Case Mix System; Judge Presents View from the Bench; Why, Oh Why Should You Certify?

(4) October *The Powers of Attorneys: Attorneys in Fact as a Less Restrictive Alternative* Mental Capacity: The Threshold Issue; Statutory Short Form Power of Attorney; Common Law Power of Attorney; Protecting the Principal in Executing a Power of Attorney; What Are the Limitations to an Attorney-in-Fact's Power to Gift and Change a Dispositive (Estate) Plan?; Forget the Party: Realities of the Multi-Party Account Act; Should a Professional Fiduciary Draft a Power of Attorney for a Prospective Client?; When Conservator Meets Power of Attorney; A Note of Caution When Gifting with a Power of Attorney

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(2) April *Alternatives Brought to You by Uncle Sam, Or, How the Federal Government Usurps State Guardianships* Social Security Representative Payees; Social Security Administration Forms; Up Close With a Rep Payee; Conservators as Rep Payees; Process of Becoming a VA Federal Fiduciary Legal Custodian

(3) July *An Issue of Trust* Trusts as Estate Planning Tools and Alternatives to Conservatorship; What Is It? Defining a Trust; Understanding Trustee Powers is the First Step to Proper Administration; Minnesota Trustee Powers Act; Trustee Vs. Conservator: Who Trumps?; Supplemental Needs Trusts

(1) October *Cleaning House-Disposing of Treasures and Trash* Price, Pack, or Pitch: What to do with the Contents of Your Client's Home; The Trash House of Treasures; Selling Personal Property-Do Your Homework First; Saying Goodbye to Fido and Fluffy; Selling the House

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(2) April *Managing Liability* Probate Bonds; Professional Liability Insurance; Handle with Care: Managing Someone Else's Money, Protecting Assets, Protecting Yourself; A Look at the Ethical Obligations of Attorneys; Check 21: What It Means for Conservators; Seeking Legal Protection from Harassing Individuals: Harassment Restraining Orders and Orders for Protection (reprinted)

(3) July *In Forma Pauperis: In the Form of a Pauper* IFP Basics; County Billing Procedures Chart; Helping the Indigent Person Without Becoming One Yourself; What Does a Surety Bond Agent do with Allegations of Impropriety?; Moving Stressors-How to Help Someone Move Physically and Emotionally

(4) October *Making a Difference: A Cornucopia of Our Successes* Happy Story; Clara; A Gem Named Ruby; Eleana Takes a Vacation; From Isolation to Resident Council Member; Mr. and Mrs. Cippi; Helen; Elsie; A New Process for Consenting to the Administration of Neuroleptic Medications