



Hallie Zobel and David Pilcher to Present Elder Law Issues to Florida Law Enforcement Officials

Maitland, FL – May 7, 2013 – Bailey Zobel Pilcher, a boutique law firm focused on the practice areas of probate, wills, trust and guardianship services, as well as business succession, asset protection and estate planning, today announced that partners Hallie Zobel and David Pilcher will be featured panelists participating in an accredited training course sponsored by the Florida Crime Prevention Training Institute entitled *“Aging Issues: A Comprehensive Approach.”* The audience will be made up of patrol, crime prevention and community police officers, as well as investigators, victim advocates, medical professionals and others who interact with the elderly.

Held at the Embassy Suites in Altamonte Springs, Florida, May 13-15, the course will bring together subject matter experts in fields related to aging and the elderly. The training will discuss the impact of aging on a community and how front-line officials can develop a comprehensive approach to address these needs. Topics range from understanding the term “capacity to consent,” to addictions that affect the elderly but are often unnoticed, to mental health issues and devastating diseases like Alzheimer’s and dementia. Attendees will earn credits toward their “Florida Elder Crime Prevention Practitioner” designation as part of their continuing education.

Zobel and Pilcher’s presentation, called *“Common Elder Law Documents,”* will provide in-depth information about wills, trusts and powers of attorney, documents that when properly developed, help protect the elderly from fraud and abuse.

“Statistics show that with an increase in the aging population, combined with a troubled economy, crimes against the elderly are on the rise,” Zobel said. “Our goal is to provide information from an elder law perspective to help empower law enforcement officers and increase their awareness of the elderly and their vulnerabilities.

Pilcher concurred. “As a group, the elderly are often singled out by criminals because of their reduced mobility and their trust of others. Hallie and I are advocates for the elderly and are committed to sharing our legal knowledge with the law enforcement community so they can strengthen their ability to protect the elderly from predators.”

About The Florida Crime Prevention Training Institute

Established in 1982 within the Office of the Attorney General as part of its Help Stop Crime program, The Florida Crime Prevention Training Institute (FCPTI) provides statewide public education and training programs for law enforcement personnel, school resource officers, victim advocates and other interested persons on crime prevention initiatives, school-based officer programs, victim advocacy and related criminal justice areas. Additional programs were added in 1991 including victim services, elderly crime issues, and school resource officer training. The organization’s goal is to develop and maintain a standardized, comprehensive crime prevention, victim services, and school resource officers training curriculum throughout the state; keep practitioners up to date on new prevention methods, ideas, and problems in crime prevention; assist in making crime prevention an integral part of law enforcement; and continually develop and implement new and innovative training programs.

About Bailey Zobel Pilcher

Bailey Zobel Pilcher is a boutique law firm in Maitland offering probate, wills, trusts and guardianship services, as well as business succession, asset protection and estate planning. Known as “Your Caring Law Firm,” Partners Mary Merrell Bailey, Hallie Zobel, and David Pilcher offer clients throughout the Central Florida region compassionate legal counsel on very private family matters. Visit www.YourCaringLawFirm.com or call (407) 622-1900.