



Bailey Zobel Pilcher Managing Partner to Present Seminar on Estate Planning Issues for Same-Sex Couples

Orlando, FL – April 5, 2013 – Bailey Zobel Pilcher, a boutique law firm focused on the practice areas of probate, wills, trusts and guardianship services, as well as business succession, asset protection and estate planning, announced today that managing partner Merrell Bailey will be presenting a seminar for the Estates, Trusts & Guardianship Committee of the Orange County Bar Association on Monday, April 8 from noon to 1 p.m.

The presentation, called, *“Married There But Not Here,”* discusses legal inconsistencies that occur when Florida does not recognize a same-sex marriage that is legally valid in another state. Domestic Partnership Registries, the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) and the cases brought before the U.S Supreme Court this month will also be discussed.

“Estate planning for same-sex couples is complex,” Bailey said. “For example, a couple living in Florida could be legally married in New York, but not be recognized as married in Florida or by the Federal government. Moreover, that same couple may be registered as domestic partners by certain cities or counties in Florida, but not others. There are an enormous number of state and federal laws that refer to “spouse.” Navigating which laws apply, as well as when they apply in different circumstances can be daunting. I’m looking forward to clarifying these important issues for all attendees,” Bailey said.

About Bailey Zobel Pilcher

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