

ESTATE PLANNING COUNCIL OF LOWER FAIRFIELD COUNTY, INC.

Dear Council Member,

We are pleased to announce that **Peter M. Bryniczka, Esq., Partner, Schoonmaker, George & Blomberg P.C.**, will be the guest speaker and will talk about the "*Confluence of Trusts & Estates and Matrimonial Law: When Are Trust Interests of Divorcing Spouses Assets?*" at our "members only" breakfast meeting on **Wednesday, November 12, 2014, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.**, at the **U.S. Trust Offices located at One Gorham Island, 2nd Floor, in Westport.** **Please note that our breakfast meetings will no longer be held at the Westport Library.**

This one hour presentation will provide a thorough understanding of how the issue of trusts must be considered when working with divorcing couples. An introduction will provide a definition of "property" subject to equitable distribution in a dissolution of marriage case in Connecticut and discuss the history and evolution of same; specifically, what types of interests typically constitute property; which do not; and why. Presentation will discuss the application of that definition to a divorce litigant's interest in a trust and whether it is property to be divided on divorce; when is it property and why; When is it not property and why not. Recommendations will be offered regarding trust language and for when serving as trustee if the goal is to protect a beneficiary's interests in the event of a future divorce.

Attorney Bryniczka joined Schoonmaker, George & Bloomberg P.C. as an associate in 2004 and became a partner in January, 2013. He received his B.A. from Wesleyan University in 2001 and received his J.D. from The University of Connecticut School of Law in 2004. While in law school, Attorney Bryniczka was an Associate Editor of the Connecticut Journal of International Law. He was admitted to practice in Connecticut in November 2004 and is a member of the Fairfield County Bar Association, the Connecticut Bar Association, and the American Bar Association and is also a member of the Family Law sections of these Bar Associations. Attorney Bryniczka is a past Co-Chair of the Family Law Section of the Fairfield County Bar Association, and serves currently as a Board Member of the Greenwich Bar Association. Attorney Bryniczka has served since 2011 as a Special Master in the Stamford/Norwalk judicial district, assisting other attorneys and parties in resolving their family cases. Since 2013, he has served as a Board Member of Smart Litigator Connecticut, representing Family Law Practice (Smart Litigator Board Members contribute Practice Questions and Answers and answer user questions received on the Smart Litigator website in their areas of expertise. Smart Litigator is a comprehensive online state-specific research and practice solution that provides quick access to all the materials a busy litigator needs to practice effectively).

Reservations to attend can be made by contacting me by email (elizabeth.a.cahill@ustrust.com); "first come, first served." As a courtesy to those who attend, we request that cell phones be silenced during the session. **We also request that "No Shows" be minimized.**

Continuing Education Credits: We will be offering CEUs, at \$40 per credit hour, for our CPA and CFP® designated members attending our breakfast and dinner meetings. **Requests for CEUs should be indicated on the program announcement registration form at the bottom of this page and the CE fee must be paid in advance by check. CFP This presentation has been accepted for one (1) hour of continuing education credit by CFP Board of Standards. We will be submitting the course attendance roster online after the meeting. We will also provide Certificates of Attendance to those attendees requiring CPA CEs for their self-reporting purposes.**

Council Breakfast Meetings are held at the U.S. Trust Offices located at One Gorham Island, 2nd Floor, in Westport, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Please feel free to bring coffee, tea, bagels, etc. to the meeting.

If we must cancel a breakfast meeting, an email will be sent to all registrants for whom we have an email address and we will make every effort to contact all registrants by phone as well. If you are unable to check your email or voice messages, please visit our website at www.epclfc.org where the cancellation announcement will be posted on our home page under "Next Meeting." Except in unusual circumstances, we would know about the cancellation by 4:00 p.m. the afternoon prior to a breakfast meeting.

Finally, please mark your calendars for our next **dinner program: Wednesday, December 3**, at the Innis Arden Golf Club in Old Greenwich, featuring **Steven Lavner, Managing Director, member of the National Wealth Strategies Group at U.S. Trust, Bank of America Private Wealth Management**, on "*To Give or Not to Give: Transfer & Income Tax Implications of Estate Planning Gifts.*"

With best regards,

Elizabeth A. Cahill
Second Vice President, Programs

If you require CFP CE and/or CPA CE: CE fees must be paid in advance by check.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete this registration form and mail it with your check in the amount of \$40 payable to "EPC/LFC" to:
EPC c/o Lori Somerville, 175 South End Road, #A2, East Haven, CT 06512-4555.

Member name: _____ **Phone:** _____

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