



Residents News-Mail

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The 2025 WACCRA Annual Meeting will be held Saturday November 1 @ 10 a.m.

Mirabella

116 Fairview Avenue N

Seattle

Please join us. It's always great to get caught up on what is happening and to visit friends or make new friends from other CCRCs.

There will be a short business meeting followed by a review of last year's achievements and a discussion of our program for 2025-2026. Our priorities are ensuring consumer protection for all independent living residents in CCRCs and building upon our success in the 2025 legislative session.

The agenda, details, etc. will be the subject of a second newsmail, coming soon.

There are two ways to attend.

- 1) IN PERSON. Your CCRC's WACCRA liaison may be organizing transportation. If you choose to drive, please carpool as parking is scarce.
- 2) If you cannot attend in person, you can JOIN BY ZOOM. We will send the link

Our Keynote Speaker Professor Katherine Pearson



Katherine C. Pearson is a Professor of Law and the Arthur L. and Sandra S. Piccone Faculty Scholar at Penn State Dickinson Law in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Her scholarship focuses on laws and policies connected to aging.

She has frequently included age-related issues in her teaching of courses on contract law, conflicts of law and nonprofit organizations law. She is a regular speaker for continuing education programs, both for consumers and lawyers, to address cutting edge concerns in consumer protection for older adults.

Professor Pearson is the author of articles and chapters on access to justice, senior living options including continuing care and life plan communities, long-term care financing and filial obligations, and is the co-author of a treatise, *The law of financial abuse and exploitation* (Bisel 2011). She authored chapters for the *Research handbook on law, society, and ageing*, published in 2024 as part of a series on law and society handbooks offered by international publisher Edward Elgar.

She is a 2024-2025 Fulbright Scholar in Canada and was in residence at the University of Ottawa in the Fall of 2024 as the Research Chair in Health Law, Policy and Ethics. Her earlier experience as a U.S. Fulbright Scholar (based at the Queen's University Belfast, Northern Ireland, and working in Ireland, Portugal, and the U.K. in 2009-10), resulted in publications, including an article with an international, historical perspective on ethical concerns for attorneys representing older adults, entitled *The Lesson of the Irish Family Pub*, published by Stetson Law Review.

She is a frequent writer and editor for the Elder Law Prof Blog, which is about to have a new "home" on LexBlog.com.

For more information regarding her expertise in elder law, click on this link.

The Mirabella Host Committee of Nickie Askov, Mary Baroni, Susan Dillon, Carol Pugh, and Mandy Wertz is looking forward to welcoming you for this thought provoking and lively meeting.

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