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**Understanding Decisional Capacity:  
How a Neuropsychologist Can Evaluate  
and Legal Options for Substitute Decision Making**

**By attending this session, participants will learn**

1. How neuropsychologists objectively evaluate cognitive functioning for the purposes of diagnosis and treatment planning and when to engage a neuropsychologist.
2. The primary uses of a neuropsychological assessment and the major domains of cognition and emotion assessed by neuropsychologists.
3. The levels of decisional capacity needed to engage in the contract of power of attorney for healthcare and property.
4. Rights and responsibilities of an agent under power of attorney including those that the agent doesn't have.
5. The guardianship process and the role, authority, and powers of a guardian.

**Presented by:** Anthony Tucci, Ph.D. and Michaela P. Franco, MA, JD.

Dr. Tucci earned his Doctorate from Northern Illinois University where he gained specialized training in neuropsychological assessment, development psychopathology, and evidence-based interventions. He enjoys working with clients adjusting to significant lifestyle changes.

Ms. Franco, who also has a Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology, has been licensed to practice law since 2006. Prior to joining the firm in September of 2015, she practiced for nine years with the Cook County Public Guardian. This experience provided her with a broad background in probate matters, litigation, and client counseling. Her clinical background provides her with a unique perspective on elder law and capacity issues.

**Date:** Thursday, October 19, 2017  
**Check-In/Light Breakfast:** 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM  
**Program Time:** 9:00 AM - Noon  
**Location:** Alive Center, 500 West 5th Avenue, Naperville, Illinois

**Continuing Education:** This program will award 3.00 clock hours to Illinois Social Workers, Professional Counselors, Nurses, Nursing Home Administrators, Occupational, Physical, & Respiratory Therapists & Certified Assistants, Psychologists, and Dietitians/Nutritionists.

**Registration:** Advanced registration is required. There is a \$15.00 fee payable to Elderwerks Educational Services, a 501C3 not-for-profit corporation, for all professionals attending a 3 CE credit hour event. Payments are non-refundable. All proceeds are tax-deductible in accordance with Illinois law (tax ID#46-0916476). Please send payment to Elderwerks Educational Services, PO Box 92, Cary, IL 60013. You can also call 847-462-0885 or send an email to Events@Elderwerks.com to pay via other sources.

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