



William Isele Discussed End-of-Life Care Issues at Stockton State

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William P. Isele, Esquire, of Archer, P.C., recently spoke on legal issues involved with end-of-life care at the Southern Jersey Ethics Alliance (SOJEA) conference on the campus of Richard Stockton College in Pomona, NJ.

The conference, titled "A Troubling Abundance of Care: Over-treatment at the End of Life," took place on Monday, May 12, 2008. Professionals and students in the fields of medicine, social work and health education, as well as clergy, participated in a discussion of end-of-life issues and appropriate palliative care. Highlights of the day were presentations on cultural, religious, medical, legal and communication issues affecting medical treatment. Isele, Of Counsel in Archer's Princeton office, spoke on mitigation strategies, resources for legal considerations and unexpected barriers that can arise when planning for care at the end of life.

SOJEA sponsors and co-sponsors educational opportunities on timely ethical issues, making well-qualified members available to address groups on end-of-life decision-making and advance directives. SOJEA offers ethics consultations on request and participates in outreach efforts to underserved populations.

Isele, of Milltown, is a Partner in the Princeton office of Archer. He is the former New Jersey Ombudsman for the Institutionalized Elderly, having served under five governors. He provides advice and representation to a wide range of health care entities, from individual practitioners to hospitals, long-term care facilities and hospice providers.

Isele also represents individuals and families faced with the difficult tasks related to long-term care planning and obtaining compassionate and competent end-of-life care. He is an active and vigorous advocate for the rights of residents of nursing homes, assisted living facilities and other long-term care enterprises. In addition, he has served as a Patient Care Ombudsman under the 2005 amendments to the United States Bankruptcy Code.

In 2007, Isele was honored by the New Jersey Hospice and Palliative Care Organization as "Public Servant of the Year." He is the author of two books on health care law.

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