



Top Ten Reasons to attend the 2010 Planning for the Generations Symposium in Chicago



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The Illinois Forum has the privilege of welcoming all WealthCounsel members to the *2010 Planning for the Generations*, scheduled for August 11 through 13. I know that most of you may not need my top ten reasons to attend this year's event, but for those of you who haven't registered yet, keep on reading; this article just might change your mind.

But first, a word about state forums. WealthCounsel prides itself on its WealthDocx document drafting system, on its educational offerings, and on its collegiality. All three are abundantly evident in the state forums. With the assistance of WealthCounsel, estate planners from a state or region organize collegial forums that set their own agendas, have their own listserv, and collaborate to design estate planning documents and discuss state-specific issues.

Every state forum can boast some of the country's greatest minds in various subspecialties within the general field of estate planning. If your state or region has a local forum, I strongly suggest that you participate and support that forum. If it does not, consider forming one. The forum brings the benefits of WealthCounsel membership home to the local level, and personalizes that benefit.

So, why come to Chicago in the middle of August? There are countless reasons, but I'll give you my top ten:

Number 10: Chicago is the city of broad shoulders, the windy city, the city that works. Need I say more?

Number 9: This is 2010, people! No estate taxes, carry-over basis, a new health care law, and no income limits for Roth conversions. And next year, everything changes. You need to be there!

Number 8: Chicago has honest politicians, world-class baseball teams, and weather in August that is the envy of the world. Okay, so maybe that's a stretch, but hey, we have

Wrigley Field (and even more exciting, Wrigleyville)!

Number 7: Vinnie Bonazzoli, who will teach you how to set up a successful client maintenance program, and how to increase your profits; who out there doesn't want to increase the bottom line?

Number 6: Chicago can boast the world champion Chicago Blackhawks, the Willis (Sears) Tower with a glass balcony, and a beautiful lakefront!

Number 5: Steve Riley. Never heard of him? After this program, you'll never forget him.

Number 4: Three tracks; something for everyone. Not just substantive, book-learning stuff, but good, practical nuts and bolts information that you can take back to your office and use. To make money. Isn't that what it's all about?

Number 3: If you practice in the area of Elder Law, or want to, take a look at the line-up of speakers: ElderCounsel principals; ElderCounsel Executive Director; and some of the best and brightest Elder Law practitioners in the country. Be there!

Number 2: Complimentary lunches. How can you beat that?

Number 1: You simply can't afford to miss it!

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