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**SPIN Presents:**  
“End-of Life Decision Making:  
History, Tools and Cultural Competency”  
**Geoff Bernhardt, J.D.**

***Stay tuned for a SPECIAL PRESENTATION after the discussion!!***

**Date:** May 18th, 2009  
**Time:** 3:00-5:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Miramonte Pointe  
11520 SE Sunnyside Rd  
Clackamas, OR 97015  
**Phone:** 503-698-1600  
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**TOPIC:** Please join Geoff as he discusses how a person’s cultural background profoundly affects the way they and their family approach end-of-life health decisions. Elder Law Attorney Geoff Bernhardt will present the results of a number of studies showing how people and families from different cultural groups approach end-of-life decisions. The program will also cover the tools used to name surrogate health decision makers (living will, power of attorney for health care, advance directive for health care, POLST form, and legal guardianship). The program will describe how end-of-life decisions are handled in mainstream American society, then contrast how the decisions may be approached differently by people from different cultural backgrounds.

**SPEAKER:** Geoff has been helping individuals and families address the legal and financial consequences of aging for 16 years. He has been a guest speaker regarding estate planning and elder law for the Multnomah Bar Association, the Oregon Gerontological Association, the Alzheimer’s Association, the Oregon State Bar, the Oregon Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, the Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman and the Oregon Law Institute. Additionally, the Oregon State Bar sought Geoff’s assistance in writing a book on Elder Law for Oregon attorneys. Geoff was honored by the Oregon State Bar in 1998, 2000, 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2008 for educational services to Oregon Elder Law Attorneys. Geoff is a prior recipient of the Multnomah County Legal Aid Senior Law Project Outstanding Volunteer Award. Geoff is a shareholder in his firm, the Law Offices of Geoff Bernhardt, specializing in elder law, estate planning, probate, guardianships and conservatorships. He is on the Education Committee of the Oregon Gerontological Association and on the Program Committee of Oregon Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. He is also on the Executive Committee of the Elder Law Section of the Oregon State Bar.

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