

Self-Advocacy Learned is a Lesson Well Taught

Turner Syndrome Foundation, Inc. would like to introduce you to Valerie A. Powers Smith.

As a lawyer with the firm Slovak Baron & Empey, LLP, Smith has 14 years experience in the field of special needs and disability law. As an advocate for families and individuals with special needs, she has focused her practice on such topics as, health care insurance, short-term and long-term disability insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, special needs trusts, trust administration, estate planning & administration, guardianships, and accessing federal and state government disability-based benefits.

Among her many accomplishments and credentials, Smith is the national legal advisor for Turner Syndrome Foundation, Inc. In fact, in October 2010, Smith authored the booklet "A Lifetime of Advocacy: What Individuals and Families Living with Turner Syndrome Need to Know," and presented on the topic at both the World Congress on Disabilities in September 2011 and at the TSF conference in Oct. 2011.

Starting in April, Smith will lead a 3-part telephonic seminar to help educate individuals with special needs and disabilities, and their caregivers, about their legal rights and create self-advocacy empowerment.

"[This seminar is designed] to educate parents and caregivers about the various topics listed so that they can better advocate for their family member with TS and know the tasks that they need to accomplish over their family member's lifetime. Also, to enlighten parents and caregivers that there is someone here to help them navigate the system and accomplish the legal tasks required along the way," says Smith.

The first part of the seminar will take place on April 4, 2012 at 7 p.m. EST and cover Healthcare insurance, Medicaid, Medicaid Waivers & Benefits from the SSA.

The second part of the series will take place on May 2, 2012 at 7 p.m. and will cover Estate planning & SNTs.

The final part of the series will take place on June 13, 2012 at 7 p.m. and cover Guardianship.

Each session will be an hour long with time afterwards to answer your questions.

At only \$15 for a one-time registration to participate, this 3-part webinar will be very education to women and families affected by TS, as well as other disabilities, now and throughout their lifetime.

For more information on the seminar, or to register, go to:

<https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/475858078>

For more information on Valerie A. Powers Smith, go to:

<http://www.sbelawyers.com/valeriepowers.html>

For more information on Turner Syndrome and Turner Syndrome Foundation, Inc, or to volunteer or donate, go to: www.tsfusa.org

