

Miller Canfield Offers Seminar for Legal Realities and Issues Facing Parents of 18-Year Olds in the U.S.

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Just in time for Spring Break and the end of the school year, the law firm of Miller Canfield is once again offering its popular seminar "So Your Child is 18! What Now?" for parents of high school students. The seminar reviews relevant topics for graduation parties, senior trips and college and the interactive presentation, which lasts approximately 1-1 ½ hours, encourages questions from the audience as well as one-on-one time following the presentation for a more personal discussion, or to make appointments.

The presentation consists of:

- The legal realities of having a student who turns 18 and becomes an adult
- How turning age 18 affects medical care, treatment decisions, privacy laws
- The legal responsibilities of parents for the actions of their teen and any damages resulting from their actions
- The difference of a student being treated as a minor or as an adult in the eyes of the law, and what determines that classification
- The responsibilities of a parent hosting a party with minors attending, including the legal and financial consequences of permitting underage drinking

"Although parents often continue to treat 18-year-old offspring as dependents for tax purposes, and provide medical insurance for them as if they were minors, all the rules change with the arrival of that significant birthday," said Dawn M. Schluter, leader of Miller Canfield's Personal Services Group. "When children turn 18, they're considered adults under the law. Every parent should take time to plan for the changed legal realities that accompany this milestone."

To schedule a presentation at your worksite or child's school, contact Sandy Bera at 248.267.3345, bera@millercanfield.com.