



**Tuesday March 3, 2026**

**PM Workshop 2: Understanding** Guardianship for Older Adults: Its Purpose and Applications

**Speakers:** Lisa Frye, Laurie Luken and Mary Ann Jacobs

Speakers Bio:

**Lisa Frye** is the Guardian Manager for the Guardianship program at LifeSpan, Inc. a local private non-profit organization in Hamilton, Ohio whose mission is to strengthen families and individuals who seek to improve the quality of their lives. Currently the Guardianship program serves as legal Guardian's for adults 18 and up in Butler and Warren County. Frye is a Nationally Certified Guardian and manages a team whose responsibility is to ensure legal decision making appropriate to the person under guardianship in least restrictive environment, while maintaining an optimal level of health and safety. Frye has worked in the service-oriented field for over 27 years in the capacity of long term care facilities in nursing, developmental disabilities and recently working alongside adults with mental health concerns in the community in Guardianship capacity.

**Laurie Luken** serves as Guardianship Services Manager at Meals on Wheels Senior Services of Northern KY and Southwestern OH. In her role, she serves as Agency Guardian for individuals referred by Adult Protective Services and for private pay guardianships. She is also responsible for recruiting, training, matching, and supporting Volunteers who serve as Guardians for individuals residing in nursing and group homes.

With over 28 years of experience in guardianship programs, Luken has dedicated the last 23 years to her current position. She holds a master's degree in social work from the University of Kansas.

**Mary Ann Jacobs** is a partner in the law firm of Ritter & Randolph, LLC. Jacobs graduated from Miami University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics and Political Science and from the University of Cincinnati College of Law with a Juris Doctor degree. She has practiced in the areas of Estate Planning, Elder Law, Probate, Real Estate and Corporation matters for over 35 years.