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Legal Document Workshop

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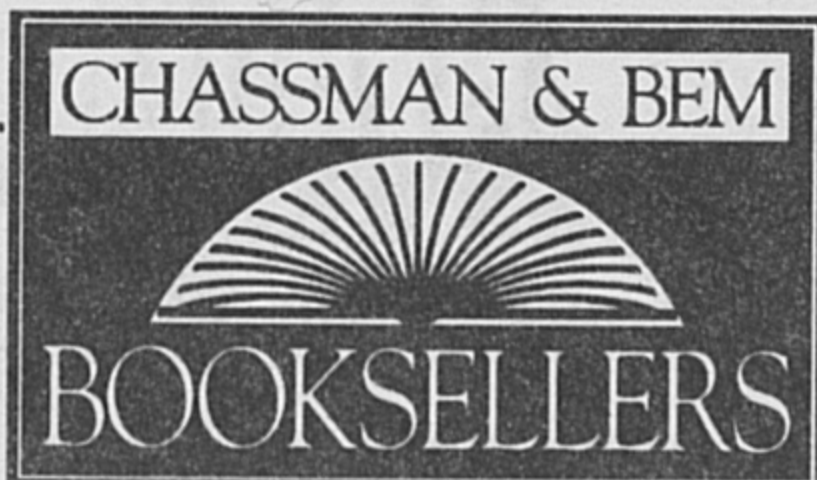
For heterosexual, married couples the ability to make decisions for your incapacitated spouse is a given. Entering the emergency room is also granted. These rights are not automatic for those in a lesbian/gay partnership. For these reasons alone, having a durable power of attorney for health care is important.



A durable power of attorney is a legal document which appoints a person to be your health care agent. Your agent will make choices for you regarding your health care if you are totally unable to make those decisions either for a temporary period of time or permanently. This enables you to choose someone with your values regarding medical care and give them the legal authority to tell medical personnel what to do. If you choose your partner as your agent, it also ensures that he or she will not be prevented from seeing you in the hospital because he or she is not your "spouse" or blood relative.



Over 25 people attended the workshop organized by Amy Demetowitz and presented by attorney Pamela Kraynak. She and her law partner, Eileen Blackwood, were on hand afterwards to assist participants in filling out and executing the documents. Both Pamela and Eileen have practiced law in the Burlington area for the last six to seven years and formed the law firm Blackwood and Kraynak one year ago. Blackwood and Kraynak is a general practice firm serving a wide range of needs such as business, civil rights, education law, employment matters, estate planning, real estate, and gay and lesbian concerns. ▼



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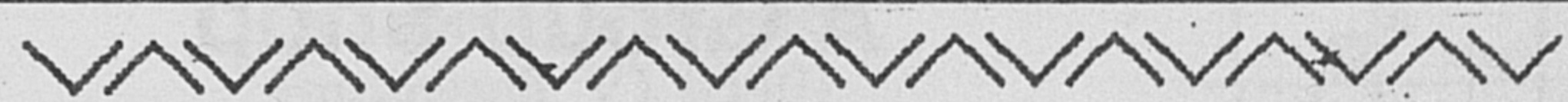
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