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>>: Good morning everyone, and welcome. I'm just going to give a brief introduction as we give a couple more minutes for folks to sign on. Welcome everyone to the MLCE estate planning basic survey course really. This program was designed to be just that: A survey of estate planning topics, things that come under that very wide umbrella, or new practitioners who are looking to enter into that field, or perhaps even practitioners who are looking to learn a little bit more about estate planning. We're going to cover a whole bunch of topics in the next four days in very short periods of time. You know, an hour or two. We could probably give a day or two seminar on each one of these topics alone. The materials are very substantial, as I'm sure you will see, and so we obviously can't cover everything that's in those materials, but this is again meant to be a survey to help everyone's issue spots really and sort of identify what they don't know and when to -- when to seek and look for guidance on things further. So this is I think my tenth year sharing this program. I just keep coming back. We're doing something a little bit different this year, though. This is usually a two-day program, and so you are with us all day from 9:00 to 4:00 for two days. This year, we're doing it over a series of -- of four days, just in the morning. So curious what participants will think about that newer format, although I think the intention for next year is to go back to the two days. And maybe with any hope, we can do this program live. So I do have a screen that I'll see questions come in, so if you have questions for Heidi or for any of the presenters as the program goes on, please type those, and I will address those and I

promise I'll try to remember to repeat them, and then if you are having any sort of audio-visual issues, you can chat those as well and I'll pass those along.