



Legal Services for Older Adults and Elder Law

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One of the newest and fastest growing specialties in the legal profession is elder law. Elder law has its roots in estate and trust specialization. It also draws upon the experience of legal service attorneys representing older clients in administrative law decisions affecting their eligibility for disability, social security and other public benefit programs including services supported in part by the Older Americans Act. The links on this page reach information sources for consumers and professionals.

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Consumer Information

Facts about Law and the Elderly

(American Bar Association)

<http://www.abanet.org/media/factbooks/eldtoc.html>

Links to Legal Services Providers for Older Americans

(Center for Social Gerontology)

<http://www.tcsg.org/lslinks.htm>

Consumer's Guide to Legal Help on the Internet

(American Bar Association)

<http://www.findlegalhelp.org/>

Consumer Information for Seniors

(National Consumer Law Center)

http://www.consumerlaw.org/initiatives/seniors_initiative/information.shtml

State Advance Directive Forms

(American Health Care Association)

http://www.ahca.org/forms/advance_dir_request.htm

Consumer's Tool Kit for Health Care Advance Planning

(American Bar Association)

<http://www.abanet.org/elderly/toolkit/home.html>

Free Legal Forms

(Law Info)

<http://resources.lawinfo.com/>

Estate Planning Answers

(American Bar Association)

<http://www.abanet.org/rppt/public/home.html> - estateplanning

Questions & Answers when Looking for an Elder Law Attorney

(National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys)

<http://www.naela.com/naela/questions.htm>

An Older Person's Guide to Finding Legal Help

(Consumer Information Center, U.S. General Services Administration)

http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/cic_text/misc/funding/leg-hlp.txt

Directories for Legal Assistance

Legal Hotlines for Older Americans

(U.S. Administration on Aging)

http://www.aoa.gov/eldfam/Elder_Rights/Legal_Assistance/Legal_Hotline.asp

Legal Hotline Technical Assistance Library

(National Center on Poverty Law)

<http://www.povertylaw.org/legalresearch/hotline/hotline.cfm>

Legal Services State Directory (zip code)

(Legal Services Corporation)

<http://www.lsc.gov/gla/directory.html>

Directory of Federally-Funded Legal Aid Programs (map)

(Legal Services Corporation)

<http://www.lsc.gov/fundprog.htm>

State Legal Services for the Elderly Developers Directory

(U.S. Administration on Aging)

http://www.aoa.gov/eldfam/Elder_Rights/Legal_Assistance/Legal_Services_dev.asp

Directory of Elder Law Attorneys (Database)

(National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys)

<http://www.naela.com/Applications/ConsumerDirectory/index.cfm>

Finding a Certified Elder Law Attorney

(National Elder Law Foundation)

<http://www.nelf.org/findcela.asp>

Find an Attorney

(Elder Law Answers.com)

http://www.elderlawanswers.com/find_an_attorney.asp

Links to Legal Service Sites

(Pine Tree Legal Assistance)

<http://www.ptla.org/links.htm>

Lawyer Referral Services (links to State Bar Associations)

(American Bar Association)

<http://www.abanet.org/legalservices/lris/directory.html>

State Codes

(The Retirement Nightmare)

http://www.retirementnightmare.com/state_codes.htm

Legal Services for the Elderly Resource Organizations**Legal Services (scroll for center descriptions)**

(U.S. Administration on Aging)

http://www.aoa.gov/eldfam/Elder_Rights/Legal_Assistance/Legal_Services.asp

AARP National Training Project

(AARP)

<http://www.aarp.org/ntltrpro/home.html>

AARP Legal Services Network

(AARP)

<http://www.aarp.org/lsn/>

Center for Social Gerontology

<http://tcsog.org/>

Commission on Legal Problems of the Elderly

(American Bar Association)

<http://www.abanet.org/elderly/home.html>

National Consumer Law Center

<http://www.consumerlaw.org/>

National Senior Citizens Law Center

<http://www.nsclc.org/>

Other Legal Service Advocacy and Professional Organizations

American Society of Law, Medicine and Ethics

<http://www.aslme.org/index.html>

Elder Law Resource Center

(The Dickerson School of Law, Penn State University)

<http://www.dsl.psu.edu/elderlaw/elder1~2.html>

Equal Justice Network

<http://www.equaljustice.org/>

H.E.L.P. – Helping People Meet Aging-Related Legal and Care Challenges

<http://www.help4srs.org/>

Kansas Elder Law Network

<http://www.keln.org/>

Legal Services Corporation

<http://www.lsc.gov/index2.htm>

National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys

<http://www.naela.com/>

National Center on Poverty Law

<http://www.povertylaw.org/>

National Elderlaw Foundation

<http://www.nelf.org/>

National Guardianship Association

<http://www.guardianship.org/>

National Health Law Program

<http://www.healthlaw.org/>

National Housing Law Project

<http://www.nhlp.org/>

National Veterans Legal Services Program

<http://www.nvlsp.org/>

Senior Lawyers Division

(American Bar Association)

<http://www.abanet.org/srlawyers/home.html>

Federal Benefit Information

Social Security Handbook

(Social Security Administration)

http://www.ssa.gov/OP_Home/handbook/ssa-hbk.htm

Social Security Rulings and Acquiescence Rulings On Federal Old-Age, Survivors, Disability, Supplemental Security Income, and Black Lung Benefits

(Social Security Administration)

http://www.ssa.gov/OP_Home/rulings/rulings.html

VA Benefits Descriptions and Eligibility Information

(Veterans Administration)

<http://www.va.gov/>

Medicaid Professional/ Technical Information

(Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, AKA: Health Care Financing Administration)

<http://cms.hhs.gov/professionals/>

State Guides and Legal Web Sites for Older Adults

California

Northern California Senior Legal Hotline

<http://www.seniorlegalhotline.org/>

Connecticut

CTElderlaw

<http://www.ctelderlaw.org/>

Florida

Florida Seniors Guide

(State of Florida.com)

<http://www.stateofflorida.com/elderaffairs1.html>

Illinois

Providing Legal Information for Illinois Residents

(Center for Law and the Public Interest)

<http://www.illinoislawhelp.org/>

Prairie State Legal Services

<http://www.pslegal.org/>

Illinois Guardianship Reform Project Report

(Equip for Equality)

<http://www.equipforequality.org/guardianship.doc>

Iowa

Alternatives to Guardianship and Conservatorship for Adults in Iowa

(Iowa Department of Elder Affairs)

<http://www.state.ia.us/elderaffairs/Documents/AlternativesGuardianshipConservatorship.pdf>

Older Iowan Handbook

(Iowa State Bar Association)

[http://www.iowabar.org/YoungLaw.nsf/98972f77f89a884b862566b4006023b3/7d8300a7f38ef5b886256957004cce22/\\$FILE/Older Iowan Handbook.PDF](http://www.iowabar.org/YoungLaw.nsf/98972f77f89a884b862566b4006023b3/7d8300a7f38ef5b886256957004cce22/$FILE/Older Iowan Handbook.PDF)

Kansas

Kansas Elder Law Network

(University of Kansas Law Center)

<http://www.keln.org/index.html>

Maine

Legal Services for the Elderly

<http://www.mainelse.org/>

Maryland

Maryland Health Care Decisions Act

(Maryland Attorney General)

Summary: <http://www.oag.state.md.us/Healthpol/HCDASummary.pdf>

Full Text: <http://www.oag.state.md.us/Healthpol/HCDAtext.pdf>

Massachusetts

AdvoGuard

<http://www.advoguard.org/>

Missouri

Senior Citizens Handbook - Laws and Programs Affecting Senior Citizens In Missouri

Eleventh Edition

(Legal Services of Eastern Missouri)

<http://www.mobar.org/pamphlet/srhandbk.htm>

New Jersey

Legal Services New Jersey Law (LSNJ)

<http://www.lsnjlaw.org/>

New Mexico

Need a Lawyer?

(New Mexico State Agency on Aging)

<http://www.nmaging.state.nm.us/nlawyer.html>

New York

Elder Law Section

(New York State Bar Association)

<http://www.nysba.org/MSTemplate.cfm?MicrositeID=53>

Ohio

Pro Seniors

<http://www.proseniors.org/>

South Dakota

Legal Services – Older Americans Act

(South Dakota Department of Social Services)

<http://www.state.sd.us/social/asa/legal/index.htm>

Texas

Texas Senior Law

<http://www.texseniorlaw.com/>

Virginia

Senior Citizens Guide

(Virginia State Bar Association)

<http://www.vsb.org/publications/senior/index.html>

Center for Elder Rights

(Virginia Department for the Aging)

<http://www.aging.state.va.us/Center for Elder Rights.htm>

West Virginia

West Virginia Senior Legal Aid

<http://www.seniorlegalaid.org/>

Wisconsin

Senior Law

<http://www.seniorlaw.org/>

Publications and References

American Law Sources On-Line

(Law Source, Inc.)

<http://www.lawsorce.com/also/>

Poverty Law Library

(National Center on Poverty Law)

<http://www.povertylaw.org/legalresearch/legalresearch.cfm>

National Handbook on Laws and Programs Affecting Senior Citizens

(American Bar Association)

<http://www.abanet.org/srlawyers/handbook.html>

The Gift of Peace of Mind: A Step by Step

Guiding to Preparing Advance Directive Documents

(Drake Center for Health Initiatives)

<http://www.state.ia.us/elderaffairs/Documents/GiftofPeaceofMind.pdf>

Specimen Durable Power of Attorney

(American Bar Association)

<http://www.abanet.org/rppt/committees/pt/e1/pte1dpaspecimen.html>

Download State-Specific Advance Directives Documents

(Partnership for Caring)

http://www.partnershipforcaring.org/Advance/documents_set.html

Elderlaw eBulletin

<http://www.tn-elderlaw.com/telb.html>

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