

Elder Law Attorneys

What is Elder Law?

Elder law is a specialized area of legal practice covering estate planning, wills, trusts, arrangements for care, social security and retirement benefits, protection against elder abuse (physical, emotional and financial), and other areas involving older people. Some of the topics encompassed by elder law include:

Disability Planning	Estate Planning	Medicaid
Long-Term Care Insurance	Conservatorships and Guardianships	Trusts
Long-Term Care Planning	VA Services	Financial Planning

Questions to ask when choosing an Elder Law Attorney:

- Does your practice emphasize a particular area of elder law?
- How long have you been in practice?
- Have you handled matters of this kind in the past?
- Is there a fee for the first consultation and, if so, how much is it?
- How will your fee be determined? How are you going to bill me?
- Who in your office will handle my matter? Can associate attorneys or paralegals in the office handle some of the administrative work at a lower rate?
- What is an estimate of the total services? What fees and expenses will be charged extra?
- Will you provide me with regular detailed billings?
- What information should be brought to the initial consultation?
- Will you keep me informed of the progress of my matter on a regular basis? How?
- How long do you estimate my matter will take to handle?

For additional resources:

Ashtabula County Bar Association		www.ashtabulacountybar.com
Cleveland Metro Bar Association	216-696-3525	www.clemetro.org
Geauga County Bar Association	440-286-7160	www.geaugabar.org
Lake County Bar Association	440-350-5800	www.lcba-ohio.org
Lorain County Bar Association	440-323-8416	www.loraincountybar.org
National Elder Law Foundation	520-881-1076	www.nelf.org
National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys	520-881-4005	www.naela.com