

Legal Assistance

When a person is diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease, family members face unique legal issues, including asset distribution, property disposition, Social Security, Durable Power of Attorney, establishing guardianship, etc. Each of the attorneys listed below is a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys; however, the Alzheimer’s Association makes no recommendation of any attorney and is not responsible for the nature or quality of service provided.

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Additional Resources

Kansas Legal Services (913) 621 0200
Kansas Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service
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Elder Law Hotline (For Kansas residents ages 60+)
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Kansas City, Missouri Bar Association Lawyer
Referral Service (816) 221-9472
Legal Aid of Western Missouri (816) 474-6750
Jackson County Missouri Investigator
(Subsidized service for guardianship/
conservatorship cases) (816) 881-3146

Hiring an Attorney

Ask Questions First

Start with a phone call. If you have a specific issue that requires immediate attention, inform the person you talk to, which may be either a secretary or office manager. Don't expect to talk to the attorney at the initial call. You want to know:

1. How long the attorney has been in practice? The emphasis of his/her practice? For how long?
2. Is there a fee for the first consultation? How much?
3. Given your problem, what information should you bring to the first meeting?

Once You Have Found an Attorney

During the initial consultation with the attorney, you will be asked to describe why you are seeking assistance. For this reason, be sure to organize and bring with you all pertinent information. After describing your situation, ask the attorney the following:

1. What is needed to resolve the situation? The advantages and disadvantages of any alternative actions?
2. How many attorneys in the office? Who will handle your case? Is the attorney experienced in this type of case?
4. Does the attorney do trial work? How many trials has the attorney handled?
5. Is the attorney a member of the local bar association? A member of a health advocacy committee or trust and estates committee? A member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys?
6. How are fees computed? Ask to estimated time and cost to resolve your situation.

Discussing Fees

1. How often does the attorney send out a bill?
2. How is the bill computed? Does it include out of pocket expenses? What are his/her rates? Are there different rates for Paralegals, secretaries and different rates for different types of legal work?
3. Does the attorney require a retainer?

Get your agreement in writing, either a letter or a contract, which spells out the services which will be provided by the attorney, fees and expenses. Remember, if you don't like the answer to any of your questions, you don't have to hire the attorney. Excerpted from, "Questions & Answers when Looking for an Elder Law Attorney"

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