

# Elder Law Attorneys



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## *Finding and Working with an Elder Law Attorney*

### *Areas of Legal Expertise*

The field of elder law includes a wide range of areas in which attorneys practice, including:

- Medicaid (Title 19) rules around different situations (i.e. paying for a nursing home, preserving assets)
- Social Security/Disability
- Planning for future incapacity/health care decisions (“advance directives” - durable powers of attorney for health and finance)
- Estate planning
- Probate
- Guardianships and conservators
- Trusts

Not all elder law attorneys are specialized in all of these areas in the field. When interviewing potential attorneys, makes sure to ask about their expertise and experience levels. Elder law attorneys should have an awareness of community resources that can be of assistance as well. It is also important to gauge the sensitivity each attorney shows to the challenges older adults face as part of the aging process.

### *Interview Questions to Ask*

When interviewing potential elder law attorneys, you can ask as many questions as you wish in order to make sure you have the right fit with your attorney. Have a list of questions ready to ask the attorney or office staff. Here are some examples of questions:

- Does this attorney specialize in a particular area of legal practice?
- How long have they been in the field?
- How much of their practice is devoted to this area of practice?
- Does this attorney offer free initial consultations, and if so, for how long? If not, what is the fee for the first office appointment?
- Do they request a retainer fee? What is the amount?
- What types of documents would the attorney need to see at the first meeting in order to fully discuss my problem with me?

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## ***Communication is Key***

You need to trust your attorney will do the best work for you and that your case is handled well. You should be comfortable with how your attorney answers your questions. Your attorney should respond to your concerns with attention and respect.

## ***The First Meeting***

After you have selected an attorney, your first appointment will be focused on the issues/questions you have. Explain your concerns thoroughly and clearly, coming prepared with notes. Here are some questions to ask the attorney at the first meeting:

- What course(s) of action can we take to resolve my situation? What are the pros and cons to each?
- How have you handled cases similar to mine in the past?
- Are you a member of the local/state bar association? Are you a part of any special committees related to my situation? Are you a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys?
- What is the estimated cost for my case? How is that calculated? How long will my case take?

## ***Discussing the Cost***

Your case can include many different costs (i.e. copying, postage, phone calls, court fees, etc.). Attorneys have different ways of billing for these costs (i.e. flat fees, hourly fees at different rates depending on the staff involved, document fees, and out-of-pocket expenses). Some attorneys ask for a retainer, which is money paid before work actually starts on your case, with the amount being a percentage of the estimated cost or the full cost. Retainer funds are usually placed in a trust account the attorney pulls from to pay for the services as they occur. Make sure you understand how your attorney will bill you for your case before you begin.

## ***Get it in Writing***

Put your arrangements in writing (either a formal contract or letter), explaining what services the attorney will provide, the fees, and the billing process. An oral agreement with an attorney will hold you responsible for charges for the services provided by the attorney and staff.

## *Local Elder Law Attorneys*

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### ***Barstow Elder Law Center, S.C.\****

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### ***Czachor, Polack & Borchardt Law, L.L.P.***

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(920) 471-0738 | [www.cpblawyers.com](http://www.cpblawyers.com)

### ***Davis Kuelthau Attorneys at Law***

318 S. Washington St. Green Bay  
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### ***Gage-Michaels Law Firm (no Estate planning effective 6/29/22, will take Medicaid Crisis Planning)***

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**Roles, Keidatz, Fronsee & Danen**

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