

When to Contact an Elder Law Attorney



Elder law plays a vital role in estate planning. Outside of specific elements it addresses such as workplace age discrimination and elder abuse, it also focuses on taking care of you in retirement, making sure you get the benefits you need for late-in-life care and housing while protecting the assets you want to leave for your children and family. So, when should you get started?

It's Never Too Early

Forward thinking gives yourself plenty of time to set things up & make updates as needed. There is also overlap between elder law and general estate planning, that you can begin immediately, such as:

- Creating a plan and aligning your assets with it for a smooth transition to your loved ones.
- Assigning power of attorney to family members in case of incapacitation.
- Drafting health care proxies, including nursing home placement and life extending care.
- Guardianship of younger children should you be unable to care for them.



Don't Wait Until You're 59

It's not a good idea to wait until you're 59—right before you're allowed to make penalty-free withdrawals from your retirement accounts—it is better to set yourself up early for unplanned disaster. Our team can help ensure you have the funds to take care of yourself and your spouse when you're no longer working.

Remember Personal Factors

If you, for example, have a family history of Alzheimer's or dementia you should take care of your estate planning ahead of time and make updates as frequently as possible so your retirement and assets are protected should the disease affect you with a sudden onset.



It's Always the Right Time

It's always the right time to contact an elder law attorney whenever you have questions about Medicare or Medicaid. These benefits and their rules are squarely in the wheelhouse of elder law.

Our team at Family Estate Planning Law Group can help guide you through the steps of estate planning and make updates as you go through life with our continuing Client Care Program.

Contact Us to Get Started
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