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Re: ELDER LAW

Dear Friend, Clients, Visitors and Colleagues:

It is a pleasure to have you visit my site and inquire about Elder Law. Elder Law simply stated, *addresses the legal needs of our senior population*. The reality is that our seniors' needs are anything but simple, in fact, they are often quite complex. Need for assistance at home, protecting the residence and other resources, protecting those with diminished capacity, ensuring one's right to appoint an agent to act on his behalf, proper disposition of assets, sale of residence while on Medicaid, reducing estate tax liability, fiduciary responsibilities as Executor or Trustee, or the need for Court intervention to name a guardian, are but a few of the significant issues confronting our seniors. As a consequence, legal strategies have evolved to specifically address these needs. Practicing thirty years, I have personally witnessed the phase in and out of many desired techniques, and know well how to implement them effectively.

I will leave my office for hospital and home visits, when appropriate and necessary. To better serve you and your families, below are the professional services I offer:

- Medicaid Planning and Asset Protection
- Medicaid Applications
- Estate Planning for the Elimination or Reduction of Estate Taxes
- Living Trusts for Asset Management, Medicaid Eligibility, Estate Taxes
- Special Needs Trusts for Disabled Children and Adults
- Guardianship Proceedings
- Wills, Powers of Attorney, Health Care Proxies, Living Wills
- Probate and Administration Proceedings
- Real Estate Transactions

The issues confronting you and your families often arise during emotionally charged and traumatic circumstances. With medical issues, families are left speaking with hospital personnel who may not know the options available to ensure that an applicant's needs are met without impoverishing the family. The best time to plan is years before an emergency arises, but even in last minute cases, there are opportunities for planning. The first step is to ask the necessary questions. Please feel free to contact me to get the dialogue started. I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Joanne Schlenk McAvey