Legal Resource Support for Aging and Disability Networks

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### What are the Biggest Legal Threats Older Adults Face?

Threats related to Income Security
Threats related to Housing
Threats to related Health Care Financing
Threats related to Consumer Protection
Threats related to Elder Abuse and Financial Exploitation



#### Legal Issues on the Frontlines

Area Agency/ADRC staff are in a unique position to Identify threats to independence and financial Security

Identified threats may be addressed through legal and elder rights protections

> Area Agency/ADRC staff can sharpen their skills and instincts to look beyond the obvious.

#### The Frontline "Eyes and Ears"

> AAA/ADRC/ I @ R staff > Options/Benefits Counselors Case Managers > Adult Protective Services > Health Care Professionals Housing Service Coordinators Financial Professionals Senior Center Staff





#### Looking Beyond the Obvious

> I've been hurt!
> I fear for my safety!
> I'm being sued!
> I've been arrested!
> I need a will or POA!
> I'm being evicted!



#### Why Problems are Hard to Spot

"NO problem is an island onto itself"

A visible problem is frequently caused or aggravated by another underlying hidden problem

Often people do not realize that their problem(s) may have a legal or protective service remedy



#### Providing Legal Support to the Aging-Advocacy Network

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## **NLRC Goal and Objectives**

GOAL: Creation of a comprehensive <u>national legal assistance</u> <u>support system</u> for aging and legal networks

#### Objective 1:

To support the leadership, knowledge, and systems capacity of states, legal services providers, area agencies on aging, ADRCs, and other organizations serving older persons **in order to** enhance the quality, cost effectiveness, and accessibility of legal assistance and elder rights programs provided to older persons.

#### • <u>Objective 2</u>:

To support demonstration projects designed to expand or improve the delivery of legal assistance and elder rights protections to older persons with social or economic needs.

## **NLRC Core Functions**

#### Case Consultation

- National Senior Citizens Law Center (Lead org)
- National Consumer Law Center
- ABA Commission on Law and Aging

#### Legal Training

- The National Consumer Law Center (Lead org)
- The National Senior Citizens Law Center
- ABA Commission on Law and Aging
- Center for Elder Rights Advocacy
- Resource Development and Dissemination
  - ABA Commission on Law and Aging
- > Technical Assistance Legal Service Delivery Systems
  - The Center for Social Gerontology
  - Center for Elder Rights Advocacy

# Systems Building TA

- The NLRC provides Technical Assistance on building well integrated, cost effective, and targeted legal service delivery systems:
- Needs and Capacity Assessments
- Leveraging Low Cost Mechanisms
- Targeting and Outreach
- Legal Service Delivery Standards
- Reporting Systems and Outcomes
- Integration of Aging and Legal Networks

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- The American Bar Association Commission on Law and Aging
- The Center for Elder Rights Advocacy
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- The National Consumer Law Center
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## Legal Questions?

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#### **Case Consultation Request Tool**

The Case Consultation Request Tool gives professionals and advocates in the field of law and aging access to intensive and tailored advice in a broad range of legal subject matter areas that impact older persons. Requests for assistance can focus on actual client cases or broader policy and practice information and advice. (For instance, a program staffer on a local guardianship task force can use the consultation service for policy information and advice.)

#### Full listing of legal subject matters.

A case consultation request may go to one of three participating programs: The National Senior Citizens Law Center, The National Consumer Law Center or the American Bar Association Commission on Law and Aging. In order to provide the most appropriate assistance, in some instances your case consultation request may be routed to and discussed with another trusted organization. **Do not include any client names or client identifying information with your request.** 

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Case consultation is only available to professionals and advocates in law and aging, including:

- Title III-B legal assistance providers
- Legal Services Corporation (LSC) providers

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## Training



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#### National Elder Rights Training Project

The National Elder Rights Training Project provides training on a wide range of law and aging topics to legal services providers and members of the Aging Services Network nationwide. Priority on-site

- States and partnering entities involved in the Administration on Aging's Model Approaches to Statewide Legal Assistance Systems demonstration grants. This program is designed to create well integrated legal and aging service delivery systems that target scarce resources to older adults in the greatest social or economic need.
- · Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) and Area Agency on Aging (AAA) staff involved in identifying and assisting older persons facing legal challenges to their independence and

Preference will be given to organizations that can commit to:

- Marketing or publicizing the training event to the audience(s) targeted for the specific
- Inviting a diverse range of aging and legal professionals;
- Coordination with State Legal Assistance Developers;

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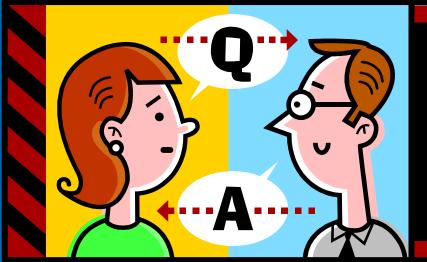
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	Case Consultation	Law. The resources have been gathered from a variety of websites including the NLRC Partners,		
	About Case Consulation	government agencies and other non-profits and associations. Resources include Articles,		
	Legal Issues	Bibliographies, For Purchase Manuals, Manuals, Research Reports, State Laws and Websites.		
	Advance Directives	Please select from the following topics to learn more:		
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	Caregivers	Consumer Protection		
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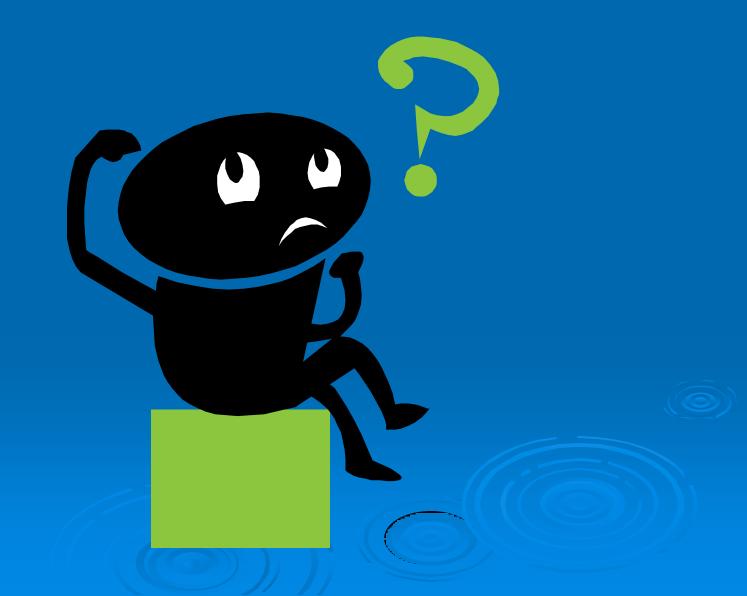
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	Events Calendar	National Legal Resource Center partners can provide technical assistance on the efficient, cost- effective, and targeted provision of state-wide legal and elder rights advocacy services.	
	Case Consultation	This includes guidance on a broad range of issues related to the delivery of legal services to older	
	About Case Consulation	Americans. Please check more information about the types of technical assistance available from	
	Legal Issues	NLRC Partners here.	
	Advance Directives	Priority is given to states participating in the Model Approaches to Statewide Legal Assistance	=
	Consumer Protection	Systems Program, but this technical assistance is also open to others, including legal state units on	
	Caregivers	aging directors, state legal services developers, state LTC ombudsman, Area Agency on Aging staff, Aging and Disability Resource Center staff, Title IIIB legal providers, Legal Services Corporation	
	Elder Abuse	<ul> <li>providers, senior legal helplines, and other professionals involved in protecting the rights of older</li> </ul>	
	Employment	persons most in need.	
	Family Law	The NLRC website cannot provide legal advice to individuals. If you are an individual in need of legal	
	Financial Security	assistance, please see a legal services provider in your area.	
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	Legal Capacity		
	LGBT Aging	<ul> <li>I am a professional or advocate in the field of law and aging</li> <li>I am an individual trying to get help with my legal problem</li> </ul>	
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#### Questions



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