



PABIAN & RUSSELL, LLC

Elder Law

Elder law is a broad area of legal practice that addresses the specialized legal concerns of seniors and disabled individuals of all ages. Pabian & Russell, LLC's elder law attorneys are members of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. Our attorneys understand the complex issues faced by our clients when dealing with long-term care placement and costs, and disability issues. The elder law staff members provide expert guidance and support so that our clients can make informed decisions about how best to protect themselves and their loved ones. Our services include:

- Medicaid Planning
- Asset Protection
- Guardianships & Conservatorships
- Supplemental Needs Trusts (as known as Special Needs Trusts)
- Health Care Proxies, Advanced Directives & Durable Powers of Attorneys
- Wills & Trusts
- Nursing Home Resident Rights
- Probate Matters
- Life Care Planning

Medicaid Planning and Asset Protection

Careful Medicaid and asset protection planning can help preserve and protect assets from the high cost of long-term care. Our elder law attorneys are experts in Medicaid laws and eligibility, and can recommend asset transfer strategies that can help protect your home, your spouse and your family.

Guardianships & Conservatorships

Guardianships and Conservatorships are legal relationships established by the Probate Court whereby an individual (the guardian or conservator) is given responsibility for making decisions for another (the ward). Guardians have authority over personal and medical decisions, while Conservators are given authority over financial decisions.

Supplemental Needs Trusts

Supplement Needs Trusts (also known as Special Needs Trusts) enable families to leave money and other assets to disabled dependents, without jeopardizing the government benefits such as Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or public housing, to which those individuals may be entitled.

Health Care Proxies, Advanced Directives & Durable Powers of Attorney

These important legal documents will help protect you in the event you become incapacitated and unable to make decisions for yourself. The attorneys at Pabian & Russell, LLC will help you create the necessary documents to ensure that your wishes are respected regarding your

finances and medical choices if you cannot speak for yourself. Advanced directives or “living wills” carefully document your medical wishes if you become gravely ill, and will relieve your family of the burden of making difficult end of life decisions on your behalf.

Wills and Trusts

Our attorneys are available to help you review and revise your existing estate planning documents, implement cost-effective strategies that protect your interests and your assets, and minimize estate taxes for future generations. A carefully drafted will can ensure that your assets transfer according to your wishes, and will help your family avoid family discord and costly disputes. There are also a variety of trust strategies available that provide asset protection from the costs of long-term care, minimize estate and gift taxes, and can help you pass more of your wealth on to your heirs and beneficiaries.

Nursing Home Resident Rights

Nursing home residents are granted specific rights under federal and state law, including rights addressing medical care and respect, services and fees, privacy and money management. Pabian & Russell, LLC’s elder law attorneys can clearly explain your or your loved one’s rights, and we stand ready to protect and defend your interests.

Probate Matters

Our attorneys represent personal representatives (formerly known as executors) and individuals and families in a wide range of estate and probate matters including will contests, fiduciary disputes and equity matters.

Life Care Planning

The elder law attorneys at Pabian & Russell, LLC, work closely with LifeCare Advocates, a life care planning and advocacy firm with a team of licensed social workers with extensive geriatric care management experience dedicated to providing a proactive response to the challenges of aging, chronic illness and disability.