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Nassau Suffolk Law Services Senior Citizen Law Project

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Senior Citizen Law Project

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SERVICES OFFERED

- Phone "helpline" for seniors seeking consultation and advice with their particular problem
- Phone consultations with advocates, social workers, or family members
- Collaboration and coordination with Senior Citizen social agencies to obtain assistance for seniors
- Advocacy and representation in court and before administrative agencies
- Referrals after legal assessment
- Estate, disability, and Medicaid planning for persons of low-to-moderate means

Our Mission

Nassau Suffolk Law Services is committed to helping people in need assert and secure their rights under the law. We provide free legal services in thousands of civil cases each year, as well as legal support to community advocates to ensure that people with low incomes and disabilities have equal access to the civil justice system on Long Island.

INTRODUCTION

The Senior Citizen Law Project is funded through a grant from the Nassau County Office For the Aging, which allows us to assist seniors with certain civil (non-criminal) legal problems. Our primary goal is to help those seniors who cannot afford a private attorney, but all eligible seniors are offered an appropriate level of assistance.

ELIGIBILITY

You must be aged 60 or older, live in Nassau County, and have a legal issue that meets our priority guidelines. We routinely give telephone consultations for the purpose of problem analysis, providing information or making a referral. Individual cases are accepted for representation after case evaluation.

What We Do

We address the legal needs of Nassau seniors in many different areas, including financial, housing, social security and health care.

Many seniors call us with severe debt problems or face the threat of foreclosures, utility shutoffs or eviction from their homes or apartments. Some need our help in obtaining senior citizen tax exemptions. Others require assistance with financial management or may be the victim of financial exploitation by others. Seniors are frequently unable to meet their basic needs, due to insufficient income or declining health. They may require assistance in obtaining health care, protecting their homes and preserving limited financial resources through Medicaid planning techniques. Other individuals may need help with SSI overpayments or Social Security retirement issues. We are often asked to assist with wills, power of attorneys and health care proxy forms, name change forms and pooled trusts. We help seniors with these and many other problems.

As seniors live to more advanced ages, the needs and concerns of this important population change. The Senior Citizen Law Project continually reevaluates its priorities and services to address the evolving issues faced by Nassau County seniors.

Special visits can be arranged for those who are homebound, in-hospital, or nursing home residents.

Nassau Suffolk Law Services never charges a fee. Call (516) 292- 8100 to see if you are eligible for the Senior Citizen Law Project services.

