Promoting Elder Rights and Maximizing Legal Assistance for Older Adults

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Today

- National Center on Law and Elder Rights
- Common legal problems faced by older adults
- Innovative programs to address these problems
- Maximizing legal assistance under Title IIIB of the Older American Act
About NCLER

The National Center on Law and Elder Rights (NCLER) provides the legal services and aging and disability communities with the tools and resources they need to serve older adults with the greatest economic and social needs. A centralized, one-stop shop for legal assistance, NCLER provides Legal Training, Case Consultations, and Technical Assistance on Legal Systems Development. Justice in Aging administers the NCLER through a contract with the Administration on Community Living’s Administration on Aging.
About Justice in Aging

Justice in Aging is a national non-profit legal advocacy organization that fights senior poverty through law. Formerly the National Senior Citizens Law Center, since 1972 we’ve worked for access to affordable health care and economic security for older adults with limited resources, focusing especially on populations that have traditionally lacked legal protection such as women, people of color, LGBT individuals, and people with limited English proficiency.

Through targeted advocacy, litigation, and the trainings and resources we provide to local advocates, we ensure access to the social safety net programs that poor seniors depend on, including Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, and Supplemental Security Income (SSI).
National Center on Law and Elder Rights

Resource center for the legal and aging and disability network
Why NCLER?

• Focus on elder justice and elder rights
• Unify legal services resources into one, easy to find center
• Train new cohort of legal services attorney and front-line aging and disability networks to understand legal issues impacting older adults
• Need for technical assistance on systemic legal challenges and improvements to the legal services delivery system
NCLER Experts

- Justice in Aging:
  - Administering NCLER under a contract from the Administration on Community Living

- NCLERExperts:
  - Justice in Aging
  - ABA Commission on Law and Aging
  - National Consumer Law Center
  - The Center for Social Gerontology
NCLER offers

- Trainings
- Case Consultation
- Technical Assistance on Legal Services Delivery Systems
Case Consultations

NCLER provides free case consultation assistance for attorneys and professionals seeking more information to help older adults. Topics can include: Advance Planning, Elder Abuse, Guardianship, Health/LTSS, Economic Security, Supported Decision-Making, Consumer Protection, and Housing. Please contact NCLER@acl.hhs.gov for assistance.

https://ncler.acl.gov/
# National Legal Training Curriculum

## Basic Legal Training
- Medicare Parts A, B, and C
- Elder Abuse
- Foreclosure Prevention
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Medicare Part D
- Social Security
- Supported Decision-Making

## Advanced Legal Training
- Benefits for Consumers in the Revised Nursing Facility Regulations
- Social Security Overpayments and Low-Income Clients

## Webinar:

**Free Webinar: I Can’t Pay That!**
Social Security Overpayments and Low-Income Clients

- Kate Lang, Senior Staff Attorney
- Trinh Phan, Senior Staff Attorney

[Video Link](https://vimeo.com/)

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Legal Services Development

- Technical assistance to states and programs working to improve legal services development.
- Resource support designed to enhance the quality, cost effectiveness, and accessibility of legal assistance and elder rights programs
- Targeted to help systems serve older persons with the greatest social or economic needs.
- Delivered by Justice in Aging and The Center for Social Gerontology
Elevate the value of legal services

- Elevate value of legal services for older adults:
  - Demonstrating importance of legal services by having a designated national legal center
  - Sharing information about legal rights for older adults to the legal services, aging and disability networks
  - Supporting improvements for legal services delivery
Enhance program and provider capacity

- Enhance program and provider capacity
  - Provide unified legal basics training for new attorneys
  - Written materials and advanced trainings help experienced attorneys dig deep on complex legal issues
  - Case consultation assistance helps attorneys take on challenging cases; improves quality of services
  - Technical assistance on legal services delivery systems strengthens developer role at state level and helps states build systems to best serve older adults
More information

- Please visit our interim website: [https://ncler.acl.gov](https://ncler.acl.gov)
- Questions: Email [NCLER@acl.hhs.gov](mailto:NCLER@acl.hhs.gov) for assistance