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# Finding the Right New York ELDER LAW ATTORNEY



#### A GUIDE TO A BETTER LIFE

Estate planning and elder law planning when combined together will help you achieve peace of mind and accomplish important lifelong goals. The attorney you choose to create your plan is critical and should lead to a long-lasting and trusted relationship. After all, you are sharing highly personal information about your family concerns about potential medical and financial emergencies, and planning how to leave a legacy for your loved ones when you are gone.

No one wants to become a burden to his or her family members due to declining health, or create challenges for their heirs after death. Making decisions in advance will make things much easier for your family members. Our elder law attorneys are highly qualified and experienced in helping clients with some of the most difficult decisions they will ever make.



At Angiuli & Gentile, LLP, Attorneys at Law, our attorneys have focused on estate planning and elder law for over 20 years. We enjoy meeting and getting to know the clients who come to our office. It is our mission to create a long-lasting relationship with them and their families. This e-book is the last in a series describing estate planning, elder law, and specific services for long-term care Medicaid planning, Veteran's benefits, and special needs planning.

E-book #1 began with "questions that keep you up at night" and making the right decisions for the people we love. Then we discussed in e-book #2 "uncertainty about the future" as we age and what would happen if we needed long-term health care. This led to e-book #3 "specific elder law solutions" to meet goals for offsetting potential medical costs later in life, qualifying for government benefits, and protecting assets in trusts for various reasons, including family members with special needs. Finally in e-book #4 we focus on elder law and estate planning problems and solutions to help you meet your future goals.



# What to Look for in New York Elder Law Services

Be sure the attorney that you choose is heavily experienced in the area of law you need guidance in. If you or a family member are making financial decisions on behalf of a senior facing complex legal concerns, your choices could have unintended consequences. An experienced elder law attorney focuses on the unique legal needs of seniors, including:

- Estate planning
- Long-term care planning
- Medicaid planning

- Guardianship
- Special needs planning
- VA benefits planning

As New York elder law attorneys, we strive to protect your family's ongoing financial success as you age. While individuals enjoy longer lives, families are struggling with long-term care provisions and expenses. The earlier you start planning, the more options will be available for your future care needs. We can help protect your assets and address your unique needs and concerns even if you are facing a crisis situation.



#### **Estate Planning**

We will meet with you to determine a plan tailored to your individual needs. We'll create your estate planning documents including those to assist during life (Power of Attorney, Health Care Proxy and Living Will) and others to ensure the final distribution of your assets when you die (will and trust).

#### **Long-Term Care Planning**

We assist clients with available options for long-term care support and how to cover care costs. We also advise the best ways to protect assets and family members.



#### **Medicaid Planning**

Medicaid rules vary from state to state, and we understand the specific New York Medicaid qualification, application, and approval processes. Proactively planning to qualify before you need benefits can protect your assets from long-term care expenses.

#### **Crisis Medicaid Planning**

We can't always prepare. As New York Medicaid crisis planning attorneys, we can help you navigate a medical emergency, submitting Medicaid applications, and following the process while allowing you to focus on supporting your loved ones.



#### Guardianship

Guardianship for an elderly adult is court-appointed, and the guardian is given specific duties and responsibilities to this person. We can help you or your loved ones navigate the guardianship process in New York.

#### **Special Needs Planning**

You may have a family member with a disability diagnosed at birth, in adulthood, or caused by illness or injury. Special needs planning should include a supplemental needs trust to ensure government benefits aren't jeopardized and that there is an alternate caregiver and support system in the future.

#### **Veteran's Planning**

If you or a loved one are a veteran, we help you meet eligibility requirements and apply for Veteran's Aid and Attendance benefits to help meet the cost of long-term care.



## **Developing Long-Term Relationships**

Your attorney is someone you want to build a long-term relationship with, so you always have someone you trust to come back to for advice whenever legal issues arise. They must have considerable experience to understand the variety of problems families may be facing and how to resolve them by proactively planning or gathering immediate resources in a crisis. Our attorneys will apply their extensive knowledge to unique life situations, hopefully offering several options. You get advice to help determine which option is the right fit for you and your family.

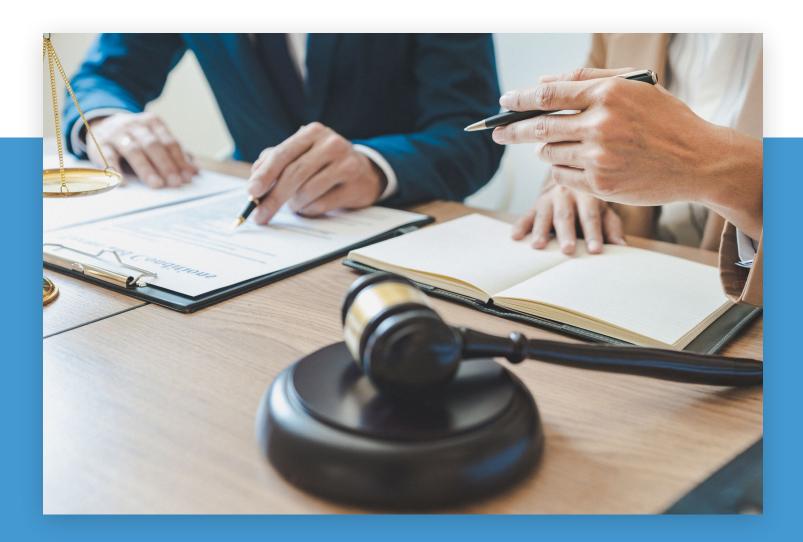
We have been privileged to build long-term relationships with many clients and are honored that they come back for advice each time legal issues arise in their lives. Many of them have also referred their families and friends to us for legal services, which is the best thanks an attorney can get.

Whether you need a basic will, want to set up a trust, are settling an estate, selling or buying real estate, recovering from an accident, are in need of social security disability, or are struggling with business or family law matters, Angiuli & Gentile, LLP, Attorneys at Law, will help you achieve the best possible outcome.

#### **Getting State-Specific Legal Advice**

The attorney you choose for your legal needs must practice in your state to understand the applicable laws that will impact your estate plan. They should also be familiar with community resources that are helpful to someone in your unique situation.

We are licensed to practice law in New York and are dedicated to supporting the people in our local communities. If you are seeking help with Medicaid or other government benefits, we understand the complex rules and application process. We help you receive benefits as quickly and efficiently as possible. Our attorneys are here to support you with personalized representation.



# Hiring a Moral and Ethical Public Servant

One way to gain insight about your attorney is by learning about their community involvement, including the organizations they support. Attorneys who practice elder law should find ways to educate families and protect seniors, help transition loved ones to nursing homes, discuss guardianship, and preserve legacies.



#### **Attorney Annmarie Gulino Gentile**

Attorney Annmarie Gulino Gentile is an experienced elder law attorney and a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA). She is also VA accredited to assist veterans with eligibility for benefits. Ms. Gentile serves on various Boards of Directors dedicated to providing services for the aging and disabled, including The Community Agency for Senior Citizens (CASC) and Meals on Wheels of Staten Island.



#### Attorney Stefanie Lynn DeMario

Attorney Stefanie Lynn DeMario specializes in estate planning strategies that include Medicaid applications for families who are proactively planning or in a medical crisis. She also has a concentration in probate and trust administration and guardianship.



#### Attorney Andrew R. Schimler

Attorney Andrew R. Schimler focuses on estate planning and elder law, as well as Medicaid and guardianship.



#### Attorney Ryan P. Brand

Attorney Ryan P. Brand represents clients who require probate and administration proceedings in Surrogate's Court. Our estate planning and administration and elder law team guides families through emotional situations and helps to gather the right documentation, submit forms, or represent you in court while you are tending to family relationships or experiencing grief.

#### **Comfort and Convenience**

The environment at your attorney's office is also important. Depending on your legal issues, you may require several appointments, so the office should be convenient and comfortable. In today's world, many attorneys offer virtual consultations. And if you are battling declining health, elder law attorneys should come to you if necessary. At Angiuli & Gentile, LLP, all these things are possible.



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At Angiuli & Gentile, LLP, Attorneys at Law, we know how hard it is to take the first step with estate planning and long-term care. We will answer your questions, advise you on your rights, and can also help you with elder law issues in estate planning, as well as probate, family law, social security disability, personal injury, business law, and commercial and residential real estate. If you're facing a life-changing event, we will help you make informed decisions every step of the way.

Contact us today to schedule an appointment. We're in this together.

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