

ELDER LAW

Reaching Out to Senior Houstonians

- Are you a senior Houstonian over 60 years of age?
- Are you living on a low income?
- Do you need legal advice?

FREE Elder Law Services That Can Help You

The Houston Bar Association Elder Law program provides attorneys at several local senior centers throughout Houston. The attorneys are able to help you individually by answering legal questions, giving advice, and identifying specific legal problems. If a more detailed consultation is necessary, the attorney will assist you in applying for services through the Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program.

As a service to groups, the Elder Law program can provide a speaker at your senior meetings. Attorneys and judges familiar with senior issues and concerns are available to speak to your group at a time and place convenient for you.

The Elder Law Committee publishes a free, 50-page handbook that can answer many of your legal questions. The handbook is available to seniors, as well as centers and agencies that serve seniors.

Helpful Numbers

Adult Protective Services investigates abuse, neglect or exploitation of adults, call **800-252-5400** or visit www.dfps.state.tx.us.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Center mediates consumer problems, call **713-755-8274**.

Elder Law Site Visitation sends attorneys to several local senior centers. For the center nearest you, call **713-759-1133**.

Elder Law Speakers Bureau provides speakers for senior organizations that will speak on senior legal concerns, free of charge. To schedule a speaker, call **713-759-1133**.

The Elder Law Handbook answers questions about legal issues that concern seniors. To find out how you may receive a free copy, in English, Spanish, Korean, or Mandarin Chinese call **713-759-1133** or visit www.hba.org.

Grievance Committee of the State Bar of Texas processes all complaints against attorneys, call **713-758-8200**.

Lone Star Legal Aid provides free legal assistance in civil matters to citizens who meet the program's financial guidelines. Call **713-652-0077**.

Houston Lawyer Referral Service refers people to an appropriate private attorney. The initial 30-minute consultation costs \$20. Call **713-237-9429**.

HBA Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program provides free legal assistance in civil matters to citizens who meet the program's financial guidelines. Call **713-228-0732**.

Legal Hotline for Older Texans provides free legal advice, low cost wills, referrals and legal services at special rates. Call toll free **1-800-622-2520**.

LegalLine is a twice monthly legal advice telephone hotline with volunteer attorneys from the Houston Bar Association. On the *first and third Wednesdays of each month*, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., call **713-759-1133**.

Consejos Legales is a monthly legal advice telephone hotline for Spanish speakers, on the *first Thursday of each month*, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., call **713-759-1133**.

Vietnamese LegalLine is a monthly legal advice telephone hotline for Vietnamese speakers, on the *third Tuesday of each month*, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., call **713-759-1133**.

Medicare Administration Office provides information about Medicare eligibility. Call **1-800-633-4227** then push 0 to speak with an Medicare operator.

Senior Guidance Program & Directory assisting senior citizens with various needs, call **713-529-9991**.

Texas Dept. of Human Services Community Care Call Center For Medicaid applications, call **713-692-1635** or visit www.dhs.state.tx.us.



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For more information, call **713-759-1133**