

SeniorLAW Center

Celebrating 30 Years of Pursuing Justice!

We provide a voice, an advocate, and access to justice to a generation deserving our attention and respect. Through the efforts of our legal staff and volunteers from Philadelphia's legal community, SeniorLAW Center represents, educates, and counsels over 10,000 elders each year. We save homes, pursue protection from elder abuse and domestic violence, combat consumer fraud, help elders plan for their future health and financial care, and assist grandparents raising grandchildren.

THE NEED

Philadelphia has the largest percentage of senior citizens among this country's 10 largest cities. Almost 1 in 5 of Philadelphia's elders live at or near poverty level. 20% of the population of Pennsylvania is age 60 or older, increasing to 25% by 2020.

SeniorLAW Center's staff and panel of volunteer attorneys help seniors through:

- **Free Legal Representation**, focusing on the most vital and recurring legal problems facing our elders, including housing, consumer protection, elder abuse, financial fraud and exploitation, family law, advance health care and personal planning.
- **Community Education**, informing seniors of their legal rights and helping avoid future legal crises.
- **Neighborhood Legal Clinics**, providing community-based legal services at 6 neighborhood sites, including bilingual, bicultural services for Asian and Hispanic seniors in their own languages and communities.
- **Home and hospital visits** to meet with seniors whose health does not permit them to come to our office.

THE RESPONSE

We provide a wide range of free, critically needed services to seniors, providing a voice, an advocate and access to justice to some of our most vulnerable citizens, including the low income, the homebound and disabled, immigrant and other minority elders.

- **Pennsylvania SeniorLAW HelpLine (877-PA-SR-LAW)**, providing free legal information, advice, counseling and referrals to seniors living throughout the state of Pennsylvania, reaching rural, urban, and suburban areas.
- **Special programs focusing on: Elderly Homeowners, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, Elderly Tenants, Homebound and Disabled Seniors, Victims of Abuse & Financial Exploitation, and Seniors in Hospice and End-of-Life Care.**
- **Professional Training** to sensitize health care, social service, and legal professionals to issues seniors are facing.
- **Systemic Advocacy**, working collaboratively to address the needs of the elderly, pursuing systemic solutions to the problems facing seniors and families.



These continue to be extremely hard times for the elders of our nation, who continue to face violence, poverty, isolation and exploitation in growing numbers. Help us pursue justice for our elders.

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