LEGAL SERVICES FOR MAINE ELDERS

Free Legal Help for Older Mainers

DO YOU KNOW A LEGAL ISSUE WHEN YOU SEE IT?

The Top 10 Reasons to Refer an Older Person to Legal Services for Maine Elders

If a Maine resident who is 60 or older:

1. is being physically abused or threatened. We can explain about their rights and may even be able to represent them at a hearing to seek protection.

2. is having trouble paying the mortgage. We can explain the foreclosure process and possible defenses or alternatives to foreclosure, and may represent them in a foreclosure mediation.

3. has someone misusing their money and/or property and they don't know how to stop it or get the property back. We can take steps to stop the exploitation, attempt to recover lost assets, and help restore their credit rating.

4. is being evicted. We can explain their rights and determine if there is a defense to the lawsuit or if the landlord has not followed Maine law in the eviction, we may negotiate a reasonable move out date, or appear at an eviction hearing.

5. or someone of any age who has Medicare or is eligible for Medicare is having trouble getting or affording their medications. We can assist the client in getting all the help that is available to reduce drug costs.

6. is having MaineCare or other public benefits denied or reduced or they are being discharged from a nursing home. We can explain their rights and may be even be able to provide representation at a hearing.

7. is feeling overwhelmed by debt. We can advise on collections law or answer questions about a creditor's collection practices.

8. has a landlord who won't address habitability concerns or a former landlord won't refund the security deposit. We can explain their rights.

9. has friends and family saying they need a will and Power of Attorney but they aren't sure if it is needed or how to get one or they want to remove or change a POA. We can help them understand the options and help get these documents prepared.

10. has someone trying to get guardianship/conservatorship over them or their property. We can provide guidance and advice.