



**COUNCIL ON AGING**  
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**SENIOR LEGAL DEPARTMENT**

Dear Friend,

In an effort to improve the legal services that we provide at the Senior Legal Department at the Council on Aging, we would like to get your feedback. We provide educational programs and legal services to seniors in Sonoma County and would be interested in knowing the following:

- What legal issues are important to you? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Do you have legal concerns that you would like to receive more information about?  
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- Does your community or group have a need for a legal presentation on a particular legal topic?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- In what legal areas would you be willing to pay discounted fees for legal advice, advocacy and services? \_\_\_\_\_

We would appreciate your taking the time to respond to the questions below so that we can develop an in person presentation to address your specific legal needs. In addition, we would like to respond to legal needs of our seniors based on community needs. (A self-addressed envelope is included for your convenience).

1. Physical/Financial/Emotional Elder Abuse \_\_\_\_\_ Restraining Orders \_\_\_\_\_

2. Housing Issues:

Landlord/Tenant \_\_\_\_\_ Subsidized Housing \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Home Park Issues \_\_\_\_\_ Evictions \_\_\_\_\_

3. Consumer Issues and advice about:

Marketing Scams \_\_\_\_\_ Small Claims Court \_\_\_\_\_

Bankruptcy Filing \_\_\_\_\_ Judgment Liens \_\_\_\_\_

4. Medical and Medicare Issues \_\_\_\_\_

5. Social Security and SSI Issues \_\_\_\_\_ Disability \_\_\_\_\_

6. Estate Planning Issues

Wills \_\_\_\_\_, Durable Powers of Attorney \_\_\_\_\_, Advanced Health Care Directives \_\_\_\_\_  
Trusts \_\_\_\_\_, Deeds \_\_\_\_\_, Affidavit of Death \_\_\_\_\_.



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7. Probate \_\_\_\_\_ Guardianship \_\_\_\_\_ Conservatorship \_\_\_\_\_
8. Real Property Issues  
Construction Defects \_\_\_\_\_ Permit Process \_\_\_\_\_ Contract Disputes \_\_\_\_\_
9. Business Issues  
Contract Review \_\_\_\_\_ Incorporation \_\_\_\_\_
10. Lawyer Referral \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer Attorney \_\_\_\_\_
11. Would you be willing to pay for legal advice, advocacy or legal services based on either:
- a. Sliding scale fee based on income \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Flat rate fee \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Hourly fee \_\_\_\_\_
12. Your additional comments are appreciated.

Thank you in advance for participating.

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