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Elder and Disability Law News is a monthly e-newsletter that brings you legal developments and trends of vital interest to seniors and their advocates. This newsletter is brought to you by Donald Vanarelli, Attorney at Law.



Beware of Joint "Convenience" Bank Accounts and Their Effect on Long-Term Care Planning

Although it is common practice to add the name of a family member to a bank account as a convenience, the existence of a "convenience" account can have negative results when that family member applies for Medicaid benefits. In *F.J. v. Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services*, the applicant's daughter testified that she opened an account in 1985 with her own money, and that she added her mother's name to the account as a convenience.

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Donald D. Vanarelli Named to the New Jersey Super Lawyers List in 2018, for the 12th Consecutive Year

The Law Office of Donald D. Vanarelli is proud to announce that Donald D. Vanarelli, Esq. has been named to the 2018 Super Lawyers list in Elder Law. This is the 12th consecutive year in which Mr. Vanarelli has been named to the Super Lawyers list in New Jersey.

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How Will the New Tax Law Affect You?

While most of the new tax law has to do with reducing the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent, some provisions relate to individual taxpayers, including changes to the estate tax and 529 accounts.

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Two Popular Medigap Plans Are Ending. Should You Enroll While You Can?

If you will soon turn 65 and be applying for Medicare, you should carefully consider which Medigap policy to enroll in because two of the most popular plans will be ending soon.

DETAILS



Spending Down Assets to Qualify for Medicaid

Medicaid has strict asset rules that compel many applicants to "spend down" their assets before they can qualify for coverage. It is important to know what you can spend your money on without endangering Medicaid eligibility.

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AARP Sues California Nursing Home Over Resident Dumping

The legal wing of the AARP is suing a California nursing home that refused to readmit a resident whom the nursing home had sent to the hospital. The nursing home's actions are part of growing trend of resident dumping, according to the AARP.

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