

The logo for the City Bar Justice Center, featuring the text "CITY BAR JUSTICE CENTER" in a serif font, centered between two horizontal blue bars.

ELDERLAW PROJECT



The Program

Many of New York's seniors are isolated and lack the financial resources to obtain necessary legal help. The City Bar Justice Center's Elderlaw Project provides needy seniors with free legal services for life planning. Volunteer attorneys assist seniors with the preparation of wills and advance directives. The project also holds bi-monthly legal clinics at senior centers throughout Manhattan.

What We Do

The Elderlaw Project has three major components:

Life-Planning :

The Elderlaw Project, with the help of its volunteer attorneys, assists seniors by preparing life planning documents *free of charge*. Attorneys create simple wills as well as medical and financial directives, including the health care proxy, power of attorney, and living will. These vital documents allow seniors to express their wishes in advance so that they can be carried out at a later date.

Community Forums:

Several times a year, the project organizes forums for groups of seniors. These presentations reach anywhere from 10 to 200 people – depending on the specific needs of the site.

Legal Clinics:

Seniors have the opportunity to sit down, one-on-one with volunteer attorneys to discuss a wide range of legal issues. These clinics take place approximately bi-monthly at several senior centers in Manhattan. Seniors can also prepare certain advance directives on the spot with the help of an attorney.



Volunteer speakers with special expertise in areas of law of particular interest to senior citizens, hold forums in senior centers and residences in Queens, Manhattan and the Bronx. These forums are a source of valuable information on topics such as advanced health-care directives, basic wills, powers of attorney, consumer debt, elder abuse and crime prevention.

Contact Us!

If you wish to have a basic will drafted, are interested in learning more about health care proxies or powers of attorney, the Elderlaw Project may be right for you. Please call the Elderlaw Project at (212) 382-6658.

