

[Legal and Estate Planning](#)

It's important to assess your legal and estate needs and to take time to plan for your family. Do you need help getting started with your legal planning? If so, this section can assist you with relevant articles and resources including information on guardianship and substitute decision-making, power of attorney options, as well as trusts, wills, and estate planning.



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Learn about the resources and information offered from the Virginia Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (VAELA).

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Five Reasons to Update Your Estate Plan: Wills, Trusts, End-of-Life Documents

Estate plans and wills need to be reviewed periodically to ensure that they still reflect your wishes through various life changes including: birth or adoption, marital status change, financial change, illness or disability or death.

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Books & Guides

Senior Virginians Handbook: Legal Information and Resources

The Senior Virginians Handbook was developed by the Senior Lawyers Conference of the Virginia State Bar and provides a legal resource for senior citizens.

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Cake: Funeral and End-of-Life Platform and Tools

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The Essential Elements of Living Trust Planning

A living trust is a way to manage your estate while you are living and simplify the probate process after you pass away.

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The Basics of Special Needs Trusts in Virginia

A *special needs trust* can help provide for the long-term wellbeing of a family member with special needs.

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Estate Planning: Getting Organized

For estate planning, it's important to create a list of important documents and instructions.

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The Basics of Estate Planning

More than half of American adults don't have a will or other estate plan. If you're one of them, make this the year you finally get a plan in place.

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Should You Agree to Serve as an Executor or Trustee?

Here are a few things to consider before accepting the responsibility of serving as an executor or trustee.

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