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Donald D. Vanarelli, Esq. to Present the Case Law Update at the 2019 “Elder Law in a Day” Seminar

Donald D. Vanarelli, Esq. (<http://VanarelliLaw.com/>) will present at the 2019 “Elder Law in a Day” seminar given by the New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education on January 29, 2020.

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New Jersey Streamlines Medicaid Eligibility Process

Medicaid is a critical lifeline for many low-income, elderly, or disabled New Jersey residents who, without Medicaid, would have no access to health insurance or to a critical source of funds to pay for long-term care costs or nursing home admission. However, the

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Five Questions to Ask Yourself When Choosing a Trustee for Your Special Needs Trust

The choice of trustee is one of the most important decisions you'll make regarding your special needs trust. Here are five questions to keep in mind when considering who will serve in this crucial role.

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When Should You Consider Changing Your Special Needs Plan's Key Players?

A good special needs plan involves many key players, including a guardian, a health care proxy, an executor, a trustee and possibly a trust protector. It's a good idea to review these selections on a regular basis, because change is inevitable.

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Dental Care Becoming More Disability Inclusive

Dental care rarely gets attention as a disability rights issue, but numerous people with disabilities suffer from inadequate and inaccessible dental care. There are signs this may be changing.

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Possible Change to How the Government Measures Inflation Raises Concerns for Those with Disabilities

The government is considering changing its inflation calculation in a way that could mean millions of children, seniors and people with disabilities losing access to vital programs, and less money for those who still qualify.

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Social Security Disability Benefits: An Overview

Social Security offers two distinctly separate disability benefit programs with different purposes, eligibility requirements, and benefit levels.

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Disability Advocates Wary of Proposed Medicaid Funding Changes

A recent push by the federal government to change Medicaid's funding structure is raising concerns among disability rights advocates that the effort will slash funding for necessary services.

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Stormy Daniels Lawyer Michael Avenatti Charged with Embezzling \$4 Million Intended for Special Needs Trust

California attorney Michael Avenatti has been charged with stealing from the settlements of clients, among them a paraplegic who was waiting for Avenatti to deposit his settlement funds into a special needs trust (SNT).

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An Up to \$7,500 Tax Credit for the Elderly and Disabled

Low-income seniors and people with disabilities could save up to \$7,500 this year through the Senior Tax Credit for the Elderly and Disabled.

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Some Non-English Speakers Would Lose Disability Benefits Under SSA Proposal

A new Social Security Administration proposal would make it more difficult for people who don't speak English to qualify for disability benefits.

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As E-Scooters Spread, California Disability Advocates Sue over Right to the Sidewalk

Three different lawsuits filed in southern California in the past few months allege that popular new urban mobility devices are a danger to people with disabilities.

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SSA Proposes to End the Option to Appeal a Benefits Denial in Person

The Social Security Administration is seeking to conduct essentially all appeals for people denied disability benefits via video conference, despite concerns from advocates that many claimants will not be able to participate by video.

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Children's Deaths at N.J. Nursing Home Underscore Enforcement Shortcomings

A virus outbreak at a New Jersey nursing home that killed 11 children has focused attention on enforcement of basic health and sanitary standards at facilities, particularly those with ventilator-dependent children.

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Survey Ranks Nearly 200 Cities on Friendliness to People with Special Needs

The consumer finance website WalletHub presents its latest annual "Best & Worst Cities for People with Disabilities" report.

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Many with Disabilities Aren't Protected From New State Medicaid Work Requirements

A new report suggests that many people with disabilities will lose Medicaid coverage if their state imposes work requirements.

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New Law Mandates Creation of a Bill of Rights for Air Travelers with Disabilities

In a groundbreaking development, a new law directs the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to create a bill of rights for passengers with disabilities.

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2018 Midterms Raise Accessibility Concerns

As the midterm elections approach, disability rights advocates are increasingly concerned about whether all eligible voters with disabilities will, in fact, have the opportunity to exercise their right to vote.

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