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New Resource In The Fight Against Elder Financial Abuse

Each year on June 15, the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is celebrated by sharing resources to help prevent elder financial exploitation. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), a federal agency, defines “elder financial abuse” as a situation in which “someone uses an older adult’s resources improperly or deprives an older adult of access to, or use of, their benefits, resources, belongings, or assets.”

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How Our Law Firm Is Helping Clients in Response to COVID-19

The Law Office of Donald D. Vanarelli has been working hard to continue serving you during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis. Many clients have limited access to their important planning documents and must create new ones. We have created new processes to assist our clients in a time when we are forced to socially distance ourselves and work in a remote environment.

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Donald D. Vanarelli, Esq. Will Present At The 2020 Elder and Disability Law Retreat To Be Held Virtually Via ZOOM

Donald D. Vanarelli, Esq. (<http://VanarelliLaw.com/>) will present at the 2020 Elder and Disability Law Retreat to be held virtually via ZOOM on July 30, 2020 by the New Jersey State Bar Association Elder and Disability Law Section and the New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education.

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NURSING HOME MISCONDUCT REPORTING FORM

Report Misconduct in New Jersey's Nursing Homes

Now You Can Report Misconduct in New Jersey's Nursing Homes And Other Care Facilities To The State Attorney General

*Do you have evidence of misconduct involving a New Jersey nursing home or other long-term care facility during the COVID-19 outbreak? **Now you have a chance to report the misconduct to New Jersey's Attorney General.***

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States May Not Terminate Medicaid Benefits During the Coronavirus Pandemic

Access to affordable medical care is especially important during a health crisis. New federal law prevents states that have accepted increased Medicaid funding from terminating Medicaid benefits during the coronavirus health emergency.

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Seniors Affected by the Coronavirus Pandemic Have More Time to Apply for Medicare or Change Plans

The closure of Social Security offices has affected unemployed seniors who need to apply for Medicare after losing their employer health coverage. These seniors now have more time to enroll in Medicare or change plans.

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States Move to Immunize Nursing Homes from Liability During Coronavirus Pandemic

The coronavirus pandemic has ravaged long-term care facilities. In response, many states have moved to shield nursing homes, and in some cases assisted living facilities, from lawsuits related to the care they are providing during the pandemic.

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Some Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities Are Snatching Residents' Pandemic Relief Checks, FTC Warns

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is warning residents of long-term care facilities and their families that some facilities may unlawfully require residents who are on Medicaid to sign over their \$1,200 pandemic relief checks.

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