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Super Lawyers Recognizes Donald D. Vanarelli For The 15th Consecutive Year

We are pleased to announce that Donald D. Vanarelli has been recognized as a 2021 New Jersey Super Lawyer in *Elder Law*. This is the 15th consecutive year in which Mr. Vanarelli has been named to New Jersey's Super Lawyers list.

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Mandated Reporting of Abuse of Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities

A new report from National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA) in collaboration with the National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA) entitled "Mandated Reporting of Abuse of Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities" is now available.

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Income In QIT Not Counted In Determining ALF Resident's Medicaid Eligibility

The Director of the Medicaid agency in New Jersey held that income in a Qualified Income Trust which was used to pay the room and board fee for a resident of an assisted living facility was not countable in determining the resident's eligibility for Medicaid benefits.

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A Guide To Help Lawyers Identify And Address Elder Financial Abuse

The Law Council of Australia, an information source I was unfamiliar with until recently, released a new legal guide entitled "*Best Practice Guide for Legal Practitioners in relation to Elder Financial Abuse.*"

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Medicare Open Enrollment Starts October 15: Is It Time to Change Plans?

Medicare's Open Enrollment Period, during which you can freely enroll in or switch plans, runs from October 15 to December 7. Now is the time to start shopping around to see whether your current choices are still the best ones for you.

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Nursing Home Residents Face Even Greater Barriers to Voting Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

The coronavirus pandemic has forced nursing homes to place a number of restrictions on their residents. These constraints are having the unintended consequence of making it more difficult for nursing home residents to vote.

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Medicare Beneficiaries May Be Eligible for an Extra 100 days of Skilled Nursing Coverage Due to Pandemic

Medicare beneficiaries who qualified for skilled nursing facility (SNF) coverage may be eligible for an additional 100 days of coverage. Whether beneficiaries can actually get the extended coverage is another question.

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The Ins and Outs of Guardianship and Conservatorship

Every adult is assumed to be capable of making his or her own decisions unless a court determines otherwise. If an adult becomes incapable of making responsible decisions, then the court will appoint a substitute decision maker.

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