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Protecting Seniors News

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With help, seniors can keep some of their assets in the family rather than lose their entire life savings to the costs of long term care.

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Looking Out for our Elderly Loved Ones

In honor of Valentine's Day, and as a counterpoint to my last two newsletters and blog posts discussing difficult families ([Family is the Other F Word](#) and [When did Fredo Die?](#)) I must admit that I've been lucky. Most of my clients' families seem to be looking out for their elderly loved ones (i.e., my clients.)

I have an advantage on that score. I can choose my clients. More accurately, I can walk away from any family that gives me a "bad feeling" about their real intentions. I do have a few clients whose families make me regret taking them on. The vast majority of my clients, though, really seem to be focused on the elderly family member's best interests.

That's gratifying. It makes me feel good about what I've chosen to do for a living. I feel like part of a team pulling together to help the elderly senior. The team obviously includes the other family members, but it also includes the professional caregivers and social workers. While we haven't been able to reverse the effects of age and illness, we have been able to help the senior find comfort, companionship, entertainment, and joy through the involvement of the caregivers, therapists, activities coordinators, doctors, nurses, and especially the family. It's great to see family visits.

At the same time, it is difficult to see the hurt that the family members sometimes feel. I met with a client and her granddaughter recently. The granddaughter brought along her own sons (my

client's great-grandsons.) The oldest boy, who was probably the only one able to remember Great-Grandma before her Alzheimer's) cried when he saw how difficult it was for Great-Grandma to listen and to speak and to understand. It was gratifying to see that a young man cared enough to feel sad for his Great-Grandma, but it was difficult to realize that it was sadness that he had to feel rather than joy. Great-Grandma just isn't going to return to being the person he remembers, and his realization of that unfortunate truth really hurt him.

I am grateful for my families who, despite the difficulties and the emotional pain, involve themselves with their elderly loved ones. For this Valentine's Day (and, I suppose, every day,) I hope that every long term care patient is also someone's loved one.

Social Media Posts from the past week

- 2-13-2014 Protecting parents from financial abuse #SeniorCare #Fraud <http://ow.ly/t8iTo>
- 2-12-2014 There may be help at work for family caregivers #SeniorCare <http://ow.ly/svD2U>
- 2-11-2014 How to reduce the cost of your #LongTermCareInsurance policy, but it means trading off some benefits <http://ow.ly/t8aSA>
- 2-10-2014 Considering independent living and #AssistedLiving #SeniorCare <http://ow.ly/t839U>
- 2-9-2014 Medicaid's 5 Year Look Back <http://ow.ly/pPSIk> (Dollar amounts not same as Ohio, but concepts are same) #ElderLaw #SeniorCare
- 2-8-2014 A nursing home so wonderful that even deceased residents won't leave #SeniorCare #Ghosts <http://ow.ly/t6LxR>
- 2-7-2014 When did Fredo die? #ElderLaw #SeniorCare <http://wp.me/p47F09-1Z>

Older social media posts can be found in the [social media post archive](#) on the firm's website, ProtectingSeniors.com.

The Koewler Law Firm news

2-20-14 Jim Koewler will speak about Advance Directives (powers of attorney, living wills, etc.) to an Introduction to Healthcare class at Bryant and Stratton College in Akron.

2-20-2014 Jim Koewler will present "Preventing Senior Fraud" at The Galaxy Restaurant in Wadsworth. Continuing Education credit is available to Certified Case Manager, social workers, counselors, and nurses.

5-14-2014 Jim Koewler will present the continuing education program "Helping Patients navigate Medicaid, Medicare, and Healthcare Changes" at the Cleveland Clinic. Continuing Education credit is available to Certified Case Manager, social workers, counselors, and nurses.

9-26-2014 Jim Koewler will present "Preventing Senior Fraud" at the meeting of Eldercare Professionals of Ohio at Heart Home Care in Euclid, Ohio.

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Jim's available presentations

- Preventing Senior Fraud (Continuing Education credit available for social workers, counselors, nurses, and Certified Case Managers)
- Legal Issues for People with Dementia (Continuing Education credit available for social workers, counselors, and nurses)
- Protect your Life Savings from the Costs of Long Term Care (Continuing Education credit available for social workers, counselors, and nurses)
- Veterans Benefits for Long Term Care (Continuing Education credit available for social workers, counselors, and nurses)
- Advance Directives – Powers of Attorney, Living Wills, etc. (Continuing Education credit available for social workers, counselors, and nurses)
- Buying Long Term Care Insurance Wisely (Continuing Education credit available for social workers, counselors, and nurses)
- Planning Ahead to Protect against Long Term Care Costs (Continuing Education credit available for social workers, counselors, and nurses)
- “Protecting your Money when you need Long Term Care” and “Essential Estate Planning Considerations” (with free living wills for the audience)
- Myths about Long Term Care
- How to help your Parents Manage their Affairs

Upcoming meetings

2-14-2014 Eldercare Professionals of Ohio, HCR ManorCare, North Olmsted, 9:00 a.m.

2-17-2014 Medina County Senior Services Network's Education Committee, Tres Potrillos in Medina, 11:30 a.m.

2-18-2014 UH Bedford Senior Network, Light of Hearts Villa, 8:30 a.m.

2-19-2014 PASS, Chagrin Falls Community Center, 8:30 a.m.

2-25-2014 Summit County Senior Services Network, Anthony Kucko Kertesz Funeral Home, 8:00 a.m.

2-25-2014 Professional Networking Group, Jennings Center for Older Adults, 8:30 a.m.

2-27-2014 Parma Hospital Senior Resource Network, The Heights Care & Rehabilitation Center, 8:30 a.m.

2-27-2014 Portage Senior Services Network, Coleman Adult Day Services, 8:30 a.m.

2-27-2014 The Association of Specialists in Aging, Mentor Senior Center, 8:30 a.m.

2-28-2014 Eldercare Professionals of Ohio, The Oaks of Brecksville, 9:00 a.m.

- 3-4-2014 Aging Services Network of Euclid, Euclid Hospital's Waltz Auditorium, 8:30 a.m.
- 3-5-2014 Stark Senior Services Network, Canton Baptist Temple, 9:00 a.m.
- 3-5-2014 Richfield Chamber of Commerce luncheon, The Taverne of Richfield, 11:45 a.m.
- 3-5-2014 Medina County Senior Services Network's Client Services Committee, Sully's 3:00 p.m.
- [3-10-2014 Professional Networking Group's Health Fair, South Pointe, 10:00 a.m.](#)
- 3-12-2014 Medina County Senior Services Network, Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities, 8:00 a.m.
- 3-12-2014 Summit Senior Sales, Administrators and Marketers Association, Social Worker Luncheon, Alpha Phi Alpha Homes headquarters
- 3-13-2014 Lorain County Senior Services Network, Elmcroft of Lorain, 8:30 a.m.
- 3-14-2014 Eldercare Professionals of Ohio, Lakewood Senior Health Campus, 9:00 a.m.

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