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## Seniors and Special Needs News - October 30, 2015 REcorrected

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With help, seniors and people with special needs can keep some of their assets in the family rather than lose their entire life savings to the costs of long term care. They can use these protected assets to enhance their quality of life beyond what long term care alone will provide.

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**The Koewler Law Firm**  
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## Seniors and Special Needs News

### Election Day is Tuesday. Vote for good Judges.

GOOD GRIEF!!!! I feel like Charlie Brown and my newsletter program is Lucy with the football. Or maybe the ghosts of Halloween have haunted my MailChimp account. My attempt to correct yesterday's newsletter had the corrected headline but the main article that I intended for next week.

AARRGH!!!! So, I'm trying again. (This is frustrating and a little embarrassing, but it is a little funny at the same time.)

This week's newsletter isn't focused on seniors or people with special needs.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3. I urge you to seek out and consider the bar association rankings of judicial candidates when you vote.

Some bar associations meet with judicial candidates to try to predict fairness as a judge (often called "judicial temperament.") This is NOT a test on issues or ideology. It is a judgment of a willingness to listen to both sides and an ability to make tough, sometimes uncomfortable, decisions. These rankings have nothing to do with Democrat or Republican or third party or Independent affiliations.

The possible rankings are:

Highly Recommended (highest ranking)

Recommended

Acceptable, and

Not recommended (lowest ranking)

Or

Excellent (highest ranking)

Good

Acceptable, and

Not recommended (lowest ranking.)

The reviews may not express a preference between candidates. Sometimes two or more candidates for the same judgeship will have identical rankings. (Unfortunately, that occasionally means that only “not recommended” candidates are available for a particular judgeship.)

For my friends in northeast Ohio (where I live,) you can find bar association rankings at:

Cuyahoga County and State Supreme Court:

<http://www.judge4yourself.com/jcrc-ratings.html> (by 4 bar associations and two newspapers)

Summit County: <http://youbethejudgesummitcounty.com/> (by the Akron Bar Association)

I was not able to find bar association ratings for other counties. Sorry.

I urge you to consider these ratings when you vote. If you live somewhere other than the counties I've listed above, I urge you to see if your local bar association has made ratings available for your judicial candidates.

No matter what, please get out, and vote.

## **Suggest a Newsletter Topic**

I try to write something new (and useful) in my newsletter every week. So, I know that I will sometimes have writer's block. I'd like your help, please.

If you have a topic for my newsletter that you'd kindly suggest, I promise to consider it. (I don't promise to pursue it. I just promise to consider it.) I try to write about issues concerning seniors, health care, long term care, special needs, Veterans Pension (aka Aid and Attendance) benefits, and Veterans Compensation benefits. Please keep your suggestions within or near to those

topics.

Please submit your suggestion [here](#). If I use your topic suggestion, I'll put the content in both my blog and newsletter.

Thank you for your help.

### **Social Media Posts from the past week**

10-29-2015 #SpecialNeeds student crowned #Homecoming Queen <http://ow.ly/TNC9b>

10-28-2015 Managing #LongTermCare for an #AgingParent can be overwhelming <http://ow.ly/TvYiB>

10-27-2015 Some people maybe should not buy #LongTermCareInsurance <http://ow.ly/TNBmq>

10-26-2015 #Boomers preferences drive new ideas for #LongTermCare for #AgingParents <http://ow.ly/TNAx1>

10-25-2015 #Compassion as part of #HealthCare training <http://ow.ly/TwoA3>

10-24-2015 An #EstatePlan is important even for #Childless adults <http://ow.ly/TvYA1>

10-23-2015 #Legal Issues when someone has #Dementia – #Family Conflict in #Guardianship Proceedings <http://wp.me/p47F09-fj>

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

### **The Koewler Law Firm News**

10-27-2015 Jim Koewler discussed how someone can shelter a portion of his or her life savings and receive Medicaid's support for nursing home costs at the Fifth/Third Bank in Fairlawn, Ohio.

10-28-2015 Jim Koewler discussed Preventing Senior Fraud at Southwest General Medical Center in Middleburg Heights, Ohio. Continuing education

credit is available for Certified Case Managers, social workers, counselors, and nurses.

10-28-2015 Jim Koewler discussed Helping Reluctant Seniors accept the benefits of Long Term Care at Westlake Village in Westlake, Ohio. Continuing education credit is available for Certified Case Managers, social workers, counselors, and nurses.

10-29-2015 Jim Koewler discussed the VA Pension (aka Aid & Attendance) benefit at the Elks Lodge in Elyria, Ohio.

10-30-2015 Jim Koewler will present Legal Lessons for Life at Marous Construction in Willoughby, Ohio.

11-03-2015 Jim Koewler will discuss Helping Reluctant Seniors accept the benefits of Long Term Care at O'Neill Healthcare's Assisted Living community in Lakewood, Ohio. Continuing education credit is available for Certified Case Managers, social workers, counselors, and nurses.

11-12-2015 Jim Koewler will discuss Helping Reluctant Seniors accept the benefits of Long Term Care at Mercy Medical Center in Canton, Ohio. Continuing education credit is available for Certified Case Managers, social workers, counselors, and nurses.

11-13-2015 The Koewler Law Firm will have a table display at the Wadsworth Community Center Field House & Soprema Senior Center in Wadsworth, Ohio.

11-24-015 Jim Koewler will discuss What Seniors Know about Long Term Care that is Wrong at the Summit County Senior Services Network in Akron, Ohio. Continuing education credit is available for social workers, counselors, and nurses.

11-25-2015 Jim Koewler will discuss Ethical Issues in Case Management and Discharge Planning at Medina General Hospital in Medina, Ohio. Continuing education credit is available for Certified Case Managers, social workers, counselors, and nurses.

11-30-2015 Jim Koewler will discuss Medicare, Medicaid, and the Affordable Care Act ("ObamaCare") at Nelson Stud Welding in Elyria, Ohio.

12-3-2015 Jim Koewler will discuss Veterans benefits that can help pay for long term care at the Donna Smallwood Activities Center in Parma, Ohio. The program is open to the public and organized by the CommuniCare family of companies.

Older items of firm news can be found in the [news archive](#) on the firm's website, [ProtectingSeniors.com](http://ProtectingSeniors.com).

### **Jim's available presentations**

- Overcoming Seniors' Resistance to Long Term Care (Continuing Education credit available for social workers, counselors, nurses and Certified Case Managers)
- Ethical Issues in Case Management and Discharge Planning

- (Continuing Education credit and Ethics credit available for social workers, counselors, nurses, and Certified Case Managers)
- Preventing Senior Fraud (Continuing Education credit available for social workers, counselors, and nurses)
  - My Care Ohio and Medicare/Medicaid “Dual Eligibles” (Continuing Education credit available for social workers, counselors, and nurses)
  - Navigating Medicaid, Medicare, and the Affordable Care Act (Continuing Education credit available for social workers, counselors, and nurses)
  - What people Know about Long Term Care that is Wrong (Continuing Education credit available for social workers, counselors, and nurses)
  - Government Benefits that can help Pay for Long Term Care (Continuing Education credit available for social workers, counselors, and nurses)
  - Legal Issues for People with Dementia (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)
  - Organizing for Long Term Care (Continuing Education credit available for social workers, counselors, and nurses)
  - Pre-planning your Funeral (Continuing Education credit available for social workers, counselors, and nurses)
  - Elder Law: A Primer (Continuing Legal Education credit available)
  - Legal Lessons for Life
  - Protecting your Money when you need Long Term Care and Essential Estate Planning Considerations (with free living wills for up to 20 audience members)
  - Myths about Long Term Care Costs
  - How to help your Parents Manage their Affairs

## **Upcoming meetings**

11-3-2015 Aging Services Network of Euclid, Euclid Hospital's Waltz Auditorium, Euclid, Ohio, 8:30 a.m.

11-4-2015 Stark Senior Services Network, Canton Baptist Temple, Canton, Ohio, 9:00 a.m.

11-5-2015 Richfield Chamber of Commerce luncheon, The Taverne of Richfield, Richfield, Ohio, 11:45 a.m.

11-4-2015 Medina County Senior Services Network's Client Services Committee, Sully's, Medina, Ohio, 3:00 p.m.

11-11-2015 Medina County Senior Services Network, Liberty Residence II, Wadsworth, Ohio, 8:00 a.m.

11-11-2015 Summit Senior Sales, Administrators and Marketers Association, Hickory Ridge, Akron, Ohio, 2:30 p.m.

11-12-2015 Lorain County Senior Services Network, The Abbewood, Elyria, Ohio, 8:30 a.m.

- 11-16-2015 Medina County Senior Services Network's Education Committee, Yours Truly, Medina, Ohio, 11:30 a.m.
- 11-17-2015 UH Bedford Medical Center Senior Network, Solon Senior Center, Solon, Ohio, 8:30 a.m.
- 11-18-2015 Geauga Professional Association Specializing in Seniors ("PASS"), The Weils, Chagrin Falls, Ohio, 8:30 a.m.
- 11-19-2015 Parma Hospital Senior Resource Network, Hummingbird Pointe, Parma, Ohio, 8:30 a.m.
- 11-19-2015 Portage Senior Services Network, Family and Community Services Building, Ravenna, Ohio, 8:30 a.m.
- 11-20-2015 Eldercare Professionals of Ohio, Cornerstone of Hope, Independence, Ohio, 9:00 a.m.
- 11-24-2015 Summit County Senior Services Network, Anthony Kucko Kertesz Funeral Home, Akron, Ohio, 8:00 a.m.
- 11-24-2015 Professional Networking Group, Hospice of the Western Reserve, Cleveland, Ohio, 8:30 a.m.
- 11-24-2015 Wayne Holmes Senior Service Coalition, Wayne County Care Center, Wooster, Ohio, 8:30 a.m.

## Newsletter Archive

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## Contact Jim Koewler

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