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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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# Seniors and Special Needs News

## I want to Stay in my Home

Seniors want to stay in their own homes as long as possible. Given the choice where to live out their lives, seniors would rather stay in their homes than move to nursing homes or assisted living facilities to receive long term care. No surprise there.

The home must be safe. The home must be appropriate for the senior's health status. If the home is not safe or appropriate, staying home is horrible idea.

Let's look at this issue from the point of view of an aging Mom and her adult daughter, for a moment. Mom wants to stay in her home. The daughter wants to allow Mom to stay in her home. Mom may have forced her daughter to promise never to move Mom to a nursing home. Mom may have been in a nursing home already on a rehab stay after a hospitalization and may have cried everyday wanting to go home, dumping an enormous load of guilt onto her daughter. Now, as Mom is aging and becoming weaker, her daughter worries that she might have to move mom "to a home" or Mom might fall in the house and lie injured on the floor for hours.

Daughter spends every day wondering if she is doing the right thing, caught between worrying about Mom's health and wanting to follow Mom's wishes.

Then Mom falls. Daughter questions her decision not to place Mom into a nursing home or assisted living facility. Daughter's guilt can consume her,

weighing her down emotionally and making her question her judgment at every decision that she faces.

Unfortunately, there isn't a clear cut way to decide where an aging parent should live. What Mom wants emotionally may not be a good choice for Mom's actual condition. Mom and daughter (and the rest of the family) are caught in a tangled knot of Mom's wishes (reasonable or not,) advice from Mom's doctor (decisive and clear or not,) and the family's worries (well-founded or not.)

I hate to say it, but there is no crystal ball on the best place for Mom to live. There are rarely clear cut answers.

Still, Mom's family members must do their best to find what seems the best place for Mom.

## 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 since the last newsletter

02-11-2016 People with #SpecialNeeds experience the joy of life <http://ow.ly/Xs65S>

02-10-2016 #FamilyCaregivers must care for themselves too <http://ow.ly/Y2brl>

02-09-2016 Basics of #LongTermCareInsurance <http://ow.ly/XIKhe>

02-08-2016 #Nurse's role - #Hospital to #Rehab to home <http://ow.ly/XIOC1>

02-07-2016 Call for #ComprehensiveCare, not just #HealthCare, for #OlderAdults <http://ow.ly/XIP5a>

02-06-2016 When #Candidate asks for your vote, ask candidate about #LongTermCare <http://ow.ly/XIL2A>

02-05-2016 You may already be in a #Medicaid #Spend-Down for #LongTermCare <http://wp.me/p47F09-hD>

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**

1-12-2016 Jim Koewler was named Chair of the Public Relations Committee and of the Scholarship Committee for the Richfield (Ohio) Chamber of Commerce.

2-1-2016 Jim Koewler was re-elected Chair of the Board for the Richfield Joint Economic Development District.

2-17-2016 Jim Koewler will speak on Powers of Attorney and Living Wills to a class of Physician Assistant students at Bryant & Stratton College in Akron, Ohio.

3-4-2016 Jim Koewler will serve on the Curriculum Advisory Board for Miami Jacobs Career College.

3-22-2016 Jim Koewler will discuss Ethical Issues in Case Management and Discharge Planning at Hillcrest Hospital in Mayfield Heights, Ohio.

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

3-24-2016 Jim Koewler will discuss Ethical Issues in Case Management and Discharge Planning at ManorCare in Mayfield Heights, Ohio. Continuing education credit is available for Certified Case Managers, social workers, counselors, and nurses.

3-30-2016 Jim Koewler will discuss Ethical Issues in Case Management and Discharge Planning at Medina General Medical Center in Medina, Ohio.

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

4-14-2016 Jim Koewler will serve as Master of Ceremonies for the Senior Citizen Prom sponsored by the Soprema Wadsworth Senior Center at the high school in Wadsworth, Ohio.

10-6-2016 Jim Koewler will discuss Veterans Benefits that Help with Long Term Care at Fairview Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio. Continuing education credit is available for social workers, counselors, and nurses and will be available for Certified Case Managers.

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### **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 that Help with 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 Final Arrangements (Continuing Education credit

available for social workers, counselors, and nurses)

- Elder Law: A Primer (Continuing Legal Education credit available)
- Protecting your Money when you need Long Term Care and Essential Estate Planning Considerations (with free living wills for up to 20 audience members)
- Health Insurance for Families: The Affordable Care Act ("ObamaCare,") Medicaid, and Medicare
- Myths about Long Term Care Costs
- How to help your Parents Manage their Affairs
- Legal Lessons for Life

## Upcoming meetings

02-12-2016 Eldercare Professionals of Ohio, Southwest General Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, 9:00 a.m.

02-15-2016 Medina County Senior Services Network's Education Committee, Yours Truly, Medina, Ohio, 11:30 a.m.

02-16-2016 UH Bedford Medical Center Senior Network, Grande Village Retirement Community, Twinsburg, Ohio, 8:30 a.m.

02-17-2016 Professional Association Specializing in Seniors ("PASS"), Maplevue Country Villa, Chardon, Ohio, 8:30 a.m.

02-23-2016 Summit County Senior Services Network, Anthony Kucko Kertesz Funeral Home, Akron, Ohio, 8:00 a.m.

02-23-2016 Professional Networking Group, Elmcroft Assisted Living, Sagamore Hills, Ohio, 9:00 a.m.

02-23-2016 Wayne Holmes Senior Service Coalition, Wayne County Care Center, Wooster, Ohio, 8:30 a.m.

02-25-2016 Parma Hospital Senior Resource Network, Century Oak Care Center, Middleburg Heights, Ohio 8:30 a.m.

02-25-2016 Portage Senior Services Network, Family and Community Services Building, Ravenna, Ohio, 8:30 a.m.

02-25-2016 The Association of Specialists in Aging, Mentor Senior Center, Mentor, Ohio, 8:30 a.m.

02-26-2016 Eldercare Professionals of Ohio, Heartland of Twinsburg, Twinsburg, Ohio, 9:00 a.m.

03-01-2016 Aging Services Network East, Euclid Hospital's  
Waltz Auditorium, Euclid, Ohio, 8:30 a.m.

03-01-2016 Montrose SeniorCare Networking Group, Panera Montrose,  
Bath, Ohio 8:30 a.m.

03-01-2016 Stow ElderCare Networking Group, Corner Cup Coffee House,  
Stow, Ohio, 8:30 a.m.

03-02-2016 Stark Senior Services Network, Myers Lake Ballroom, Canton,  
Ohio, 9:00 a.m.

03-02-2016 Richfield Chamber of Commerce luncheon, The Taverne of  
Richfield, Richfield, Ohio, 11:45 a.m.

03-02-2016 Medina County Senior Services Network's Client Services  
Committee, Sully's, Medina, Ohio, 3:00 p.m.

03-09-2016 Medina County Senior Services Network, Willowood Care  
Center, Brunswick, Ohio, 8:00 a.m.

03-10-2016 Lorain County Senior Services Network, Mercy Hospital,  
Lorain, Ohio, 8:30 a.m.

03-10-2016 Summit Senior Sales, Administrators and Marketers Association,  
Social Worker Luncheon, Alpha Phi Alpha Homes headquarters, Akron,  
Ohio 2:30 p.m.

03-11-2016 Eldercare Professionals of Ohio, Pearl Crossing, Strongsville,  
Ohio, 9:00 a.m.

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