



## || Elder Law

A rapidly emerging area of the law, elder law deals with the issues faced by senior citizens. Now that people are living longer, there are more issues about their future care that have to be included in estate planning. One of the most important questions that is being raised is how to provide long-term housing, with possibly increasing levels of care, as senior citizens age.

Elder law matters that we routinely provide legal assistance on include:

- Medicaid eligibility planning
- Medicaid applications
- Government benefits analysis
- Planning for children with disabilities
- Creating special needs trusts for persons with disabilities
- Establishing Guardianships and Conservatorships through the probate court

One of the most important factors in elder law is advanced planning. Often qualification for government programs have lengthy time prerequisites that must be met prior to receiving benefits. It is important to start considering these factors when you start working with an attorney to develop your estate plan.

Foster Swift has been named a Tier 1 firm in **Elder Law** in Lansing by *U.S. News – Best Lawyers®* "Best Law Firms" in 2014, 2016-2021 and 2023-2024.

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