

Elder Law Resource Guide

Below is a listing of area attorneys that are identified in the *August 2011-2012 Verizon Broome County Plus* phone book as practicing in the field of Elder Law or Estate Planning and Administration.

Note: You may wish to ask personal acquaintances that have used attorneys for their recommendations; not all attorneys who do work on elder law issues are listed in the phone book. Also, before hiring an attorney, you can contact the lawyer disciplinary agency in the state where the lawyer maintains a business address to determine if there has been any public discipline of the attorney, such as suspension, disbarment or censure. For attorneys practicing in Broome County, contact the Committee on Professional Standards in Albany at 518-285-8350.

Elder Law	Estate Planning & Administration
Cenesky, Alenik, Stefanski, and Gallagher 251 Main Street Johnson City, NY 13790 607-729-1539	Aswad & Ingraham 46 Front Street Binghamton, NY 13905 722-3495
Coughlin & Gerhart, LLP* 1701 North Street Endicott, NY 13760 607-723-9511	David J. Berti 57 Front Street Binghamton, NY 13905 607-772-1225
Frederick Griffen 700 Security Mutual Building Binghamton, NY 13902 607-231-6955	Frederick Griffen 700 Security Mutual Building Binghamton, NY 13902 607-231-6955
Levene, Gouldin & Thompson, LLP * 450 Plaza Drive Vestal, NY 13850 607-763-9200	Levene, Gouldin & Thompson, LLP * 450 Plaza Drive Vestal, NY 13850 607-763-9200
Paul E. Pool 246 Main Street Johnson City, NY 13790 607-729-8105	John W. Young 22 Riverside Drive Binghamton, NY 13905 607-722-3426

*Serves AARP Legal Services Network.

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Additional Resources:

AARP Legal Services Network

The Network is a benefit for AARP members. It provides access to a legal directory which includes over 1,000 attorneys across the country. These attorneys reduce their legal fees for AARP members and their spouses. To find an attorney call 1-866-330-0753 or look on-line at www.aarpls.com. They provide basic legal information that could save time and money.

American Bar Association Commission on Law and Aging

The Commission's mission is to strengthen and secure the legal rights, dignity, autonomy, quality of life and quality of care of elders. Contact the ABA Service Center at 1-800-285-2221 or www.abanet.org/aging

Broome County Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service

For a fee of \$35.00, you will receive a referral to a Bar Association member whose area of concentration matches your needs and you will be able to have a 30 minute consultation with that attorney. Contact 607-723-6331 or www.bcbar.org.

Legal Aid Society of Mid-New York

Legal Aid provides free civil legal services for those 60 and older, those who are disabled, and for eligible low-income families. The agency assists seniors with: simple wills, powers of attorney, health care proxy/living will, simple real estate, and consumer or income maintenance matters. The agency does not handle: criminal cases, traffic tickets, real property conveyances, probate or administration of estates, or sue creditors, medical providers or others on client's behalf. For drafting of legal documents, call the Legal Aid Society of Mid-New York at 607-231-5900. For consumer or income maintenance issues, call the Central New York Legal Helpline at 1-877-777-6152.

National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys

The National Academy has a directory of member attorneys. To access the directory, call 703-942-5711 or go on-line at www.naela.org.

National Association of Consumer Advocates

A nationwide association of attorneys who represent consumers victimized by fraudulent, abusive and predatory business practices. Contact 202-452-1989 or www.naca.net.