

# Elder Law Research Guide

## Overview

This research guide includes information and resources on elder law. Elder law is “the field of law dealing with the elderly, including such issues as estate planning, retirement benefits, social security, age discrimination, and healthcare.” (*Black’s Law Dictionary, 12<sup>th</sup> ed.*) The resources listed below are not exhaustive and may not include the most up-to-date information. It is for information purposes only and should not be construed as legal advice or act as the substitute for legal counsel.

*Related guides: Grandparents’ Rights, Guardianship of the Estate, Guardianship of the Person, Powers of Attorney, Trusts, Wills*

## Statutes and Codes

Texas Statutes Online [www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov](http://www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov)

Texas Human Resources Code

- Ch. 48 Investigations and Protective Services for Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities  
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HR/htm/HR.48.htm>
- Title 6. Services for the Elderly
  - Ch. 101A State Services for the Aging  
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HR/htm/HR.101A.htm>
  - Ch. 102 Rights of the Elderly  
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HR/htm/HR.102.htm>
- Ch. 161 Department of Aging and Disability Services  
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HR/htm/HR.161.htm>

Texas Penal Code

- Ch. 32 Fraud §32.55 Financial Abuse of Elderly Individual  
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/PE/htm/PE.32.htm#32.55>

## Secondary Resources in Print

**Texas Practice Series: Texas Elder Law REF KFT 1280 .T4**

- Vol. 51, Ch. 1 Introduction to Elder Law
- Vol. 51, Ch. 3 Elder Abuse, Exploitation, and Neglect
- Vol. 51, Ch. 9 Medicaid Estate Recovery
- Vol. 51, Ch. 10 Long-Term Care Insurance

**Texas Estate Planning (James Publishing) REF KFT 1340 .R4**

- Ch. 5 Medicaid-Oriented Estate Planning

**Texas Probate, Estate, and Trust Administration REF KFT 1344 .T465**

**Texas Elder Law KFT 1291 J36**

## CLE Materials

**Advanced Elder Law KFT 1291 .A3E4**

- 2021 Ch. 5 Criminalization of Property Transfers: Elder Criminal Exploitation

**Advanced Guardianship Law KFT 1306 .A75S7**

- 2021 Ch. 3 Elder Law Planning and Issue Spotting

**Building Blocks of Wills, Estates, and Probate KFT 1340 .S7B8**

- 2021 Ch. 2 Elder Law Planning and Issue Spotting

<https://www.dallasbar.org/index.cfm?pg=legalline>

### **Handling Your First or Next Medicaid or Elder Law Case KFT 1560 .A75 H36**

- 2021 Ch. 3 Nursing Home and Hospital Advocacy
- 2021 Ch. 8 Hot Topics and Advanced Issue Spotting

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## **Online Resources**

Elder Law Research Guides (TSLL)

<https://guides.sll.texas.gov/elder-law>

Senior Rights (OAG)

<https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/consumer-protection/seniors-and-elderly/senior-rights>

Elder Law Handbook (TCBA)

<https://www.tarrantbar.org/?pg=Elder-Law-Handbook>

How to Spot and Report Elder Abuse and Neglect (OAG)

<https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/consumer-protection/seniors-and-elderly/how-spot-and-report-elder-abuse-and-neglect>

Adult Protective Services (DFPS)

[https://www.dfps.texas.gov/Adult\\_Protection/](https://www.dfps.texas.gov/Adult_Protection/)

Financial Fraud (Tarrant County CDA)

<https://www.tarrantcountytexas.gov/en/criminal-district-attorney/criminal-division/financial-fraud.html>

Find & Compare Providers Near You (Medicare.gov)

<https://www.medicare.gov/care-compare/>

## **Legal Assistance**

**Legal Lines – Ask Attorneys simple legal questions (free service)**

- Tarrant County LegalLine Sign-up  
<https://www.tarrantbar.org/>
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