



DO YOU KNOW A LEGAL ISSUE WHEN YOU SEE IT?

THE TOP 10 REASONS TO REFER A SENIOR TO LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY

1. Someone is physically abusing or threatening a senior. A lawyer can explain the senior's rights and may even be able to represent the senior at a hearing to seek protection.
2. A senior is having trouble paying the mortgage. A lawyer can explain the foreclosure process and possible defenses or alternatives to foreclosure, and may represent the senior in a foreclosure mediation.
3. Someone is misusing a senior's money and/or property and the senior doesn't know how to stop it or get the property back. A lawyer can take steps to stop the exploitation, attempt to recover lost assets, and help restore a senior's credit rating.
4. A senior is being evicted. A lawyer can explain the senior's rights and determine if there is a defense to the lawsuit or if the landlord has not followed Maine law in the eviction, may negotiate a reasonable move out date, or appear on the senior's behalf at an eviction hearing.
5. A client cannot afford prescriptions. An advocate can assist the client in getting all the help that is available to reduce drug costs.
6. A senior's MaineCare or other public benefits have been denied or reduced or a senior is being discharged from a nursing home. A lawyer can explain the senior's rights and may be even be able to provide representation at a hearing.
7. A senior is feeling overwhelmed by debt. A lawyer can advise the senior about a collections lawsuit or answer questions about a creditor's collection practices.
8. A senior's landlord won't address habitability concerns or the senior has moved and the old landlord won't refund the security deposit. A lawyer can help negotiate with the landlord.
9. A senior's friends and family are saying the senior needs a will and Power of Attorney, but the senior isn't sure if it is needed or how to get one or the senior wants to remove or change a POA. A lawyer can help the senior understand the options and prepare these documents.
10. Someone is trying to get guardianship/conservatorship over a senior or the senior's property. A lawyer can provide guidance and advice to the senior.