

PREFACE TO THE 2026-2027 EDITION OF VOLUME 26A

Volumes 26 and 26A of Washington Practice Elder Law and Health Law provide a unified approach to these practice areas that takes advantage of the natural relationship between these areas of law, with representing the elderly often reliant on obtaining needed healthcare services and representing healthcare organizations concerned with care for the elderly as a critical patient group.

These volumes combine a comprehensive overview of Elder Law and Health Law with evaluation of the current issues helping shape these fields of practice, including the continuing aftermath of COVID-19 and concerns associated with the Federal Budget Reconciliation Act of 2025 (FBRA 2025) as a major intervention into Medicaid and the ACA Exchanges; trends in the Social Security Administration (SSA) toward more reliance on internet communications with less in-person assistance; and concerns by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) over the rapid expansion of Generative AI as a communications resource. Generative AI is discussed from a variety of perspectives throughout Volumes 26 and 26A.

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