

PREFACE

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The field of Elder Law has grown dramatically over the past several years, both in terms of interest among clients, and professionals seeking to serve them. It is also a field which requires practitioners to draw on a very diverse set of knowledge and skills, and stay informed of the ever changing rules.

Many of the governing laws are well established and easily researched, but many others are more obscure and less widely available. Further, even when the governing rules are found, frequently the interpretation or application of them can only be learned by having experienced a particular situation before (or by consulting with someone who has).

The goal of this treatise is to provide a very practical and useful basic resource to practitioners, which takes into account not only the governing cases, statutes and regulations, but also the sub-regulatory memoranda and informal policies of governing agencies, and the experience of many years of Elder Law practice.

This 2026–2027 Edition replaces the 2025-2026 Edition of this treatise. Highlights in this 2026–2027 Edition include:

- Updated official forms
- Updated SSI benefit figures and social security tax rates—Ch. 4
- Updated Medicare cost and benefit amounts—Ch. 5
- Updated veterans' pension and income rates—Ch. 6
- Updated housing and community-based program figures—Ch. 7