

## A Better Understanding of What Elder Law Can Do for You

How much do you know about Elder Law and what it can mean to you and your family?

Reaching out to help answer that was a primary goal during my just-completed tenure as president of the [Virginia Chapter of Elder Law Attorneys](#) (VAELA).

Many people and even legal professionals can benefit from greater communication about the importance of planning for your medical and financial future.

That is why, during my tenure, we created committees that: 1) encouraged elder law attorneys to volunteer to write articles defining elder law for the public. These articles will be available on the [VAELA web site](#) and will include topics like the importance of [advance directives](#), which help make sure your medical wishes are followed if you should become incapacitated; 2) act as liaison with judges to better communicate with them the intricacies of legal strategies such as Special Needs Trusts, which assist those of you who have special needs when you are applying for important government benefits. These benefits, such as Medicaid, help you pay for your care. Judges must approve the establishment of these trusts.

It is my sincere hope that better communication among elder law attorneys, judges and the public will result in a smoother, less stressful process for those in need.

Meanwhile, if you have questions about the maze of age and special needs related legal issues, including estate planning, please [contact](#) our office. We are here to help you.

Sincerely,  
*Yahne*



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I was honored to serve as president of VAELA June 2014- June 2015.

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