



Legal Counsel for the Elderly champions the dignity and rights of Washington, D.C. elders by providing free legal and social work services to those in need—empowering, defending and protecting vulnerable seniors.

PRACTICE AREAS & PROJECTS:

CONSUMER ADVOCACY & HOMEOWNERSHIP PRESERVATION

Provides representation related to mortgage and real property tax foreclosures, fraud, debt collection defense, and general consumer issues.

ECONOMIC & HEALTHCARE SECURITY

Helps to ensure that seniors receive the income, benefits and services to which they are entitled that enable them to live independently, and safeguard generational wealth through probate.

HOMEBOUND ELDERLY LEGAL PROJECT

Provides critically important legal representation to and advocacy for homebound seniors.

LEGAL HOTLINE

Provides free legal advice, assistance and referrals to District of Columbia residents 60 years of age or older.

PRO BONO ACCESS TO JUSTICE

Enables LCE to expand our legal services, including preparing Wills and other life planning documents, by recruiting the assistance of pro bono attorneys from DC law firms.

SCHEDULE H TAX CREDIT PROJECT

Assists low-income homeowners and renters who are not required to file a tax return with filing for the DC Schedule H property tax credit.

SELF HELP OFFICES

Provides community-based, free legal services to D.C. seniors at six partnering community sites across the District.

SENIOR MEDICARE PATROL (SMP)

Helps Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries detect and report errors on health care bills, and teaches beneficiaries how to avoid health care fraud and protect their personal identity.

SYSTEMIC ADVOCACY

Partners with area law firms and corporate legal departments to improve the lives of DC seniors through research, advocacy, education, and litigation on systemic issues facing DC elders.

TENANT ADVOCACY & SUPPORT

Combines legal and social work to help prevent eviction of District elders. Helps tenants access repairs, disability-based accommodations to their rental units, assistance fighting illegal rent increases, and necessary community services to remain housed.

THE OFFICE OF THE D.C. LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN

Advocates for residents of nursing homes, assisted living facilities, community residences and for those receiving healthcare in their homes, to bring about resolution to complaints. Also advocates for legislative changes to improve quality of care and quality of life.

VETERANS ADVOCACY PROJECT

Assists veterans and surviving spouses with applications for VA Pension and spousal benefits, select service related disability claims, and disputing allegations of debts and overpayments.

If you need help, please contact LCE at **202-434-2120**, or visit our website at **www.aarp.org/LCE**.

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