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Legal

[Estate Planning](#)

Parmenter Law

Phone number: (231) 722-1621

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Each estate plan incorporates different components. Developing the plan includes determining which elements are appropriate for the individual client. Our estate planning services include:

Wills, irrevocable and revocable trusts, including revocable living trusts and special needs trusts, estate tax planning, business succession planning, prenuptial / post marital agreements, planning for blended families, divorce estate planning, durable powers of attorney, health care advance directives, long-term care planning, Medicaid planning, veterans aid planning

Elder Law

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The services provided by our Elder Law Team include:

- Provide advice regarding asset protection for long term care planning
- Review long term care planning options including Medicaid benefits, MI Choice Waiver benefits, PACE Program eligibility, VA Aid & Attendance benefits, and Hospice services
- Provide advice regarding preservation of assets for Medicaid planning
- Prepare and file Medicaid applications and MI Choice Waiver applications
- Prepare and file VA Aid & Attendance applications
- Assist with placement in long term care facility
- Prepare and file petitions to appoint Guardians and Conservators
- Prepare estate plan documents, including wills, trusts, financial powers of attorney, health care powers of attorney, and life estate deeds/lady bird deeds
- Coordinate asset ownership and beneficiary designations with estate plan wishes
- Assist with process for activating Health Care Powers of Attorney
- Provide Caregiver Support Group for clients
- Prepare Caregiver Agreements
- Review of long-term care insurance policies and assist with filing claims for same
- Prepare asset protection trusts for long term care planning
- Meet with clients at home, the hospital, nursing home, and assisted living when necessary

Veterans Benefits Assistance

Kent County Veterans Services

Phone number: (616) 632-5722

<https://www.accesskent.com/Departments/VeteransServices/>

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- Service-Connected Disability Claims
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- Document your Preferences - The facilitator will assist in completing the necessary legal forms.
- Register your Preferences - The facilitator will provide an opportunity to register your documents with Great Lakes Health Connect's secure records, which will make your preferences available to a state-wide network of hospitals and care organizations. By registering your document, healthcare providers caring for you will have immediate access to your wishes.

Adult Guardianship

Kent County Probate Court

Phone number: (616) 632-5440

https://www.accesskent.com/Courts/Probate/petition_adult.htm

A guardian of a legally incapacitated individual is a guardian of an adult appointed under the Estate and Protected Individuals Code. Any person interested in the adult's welfare, including the adult, can file a petition by using the form found on the website. The petitioner must prove that the adult meets the definition of "legally incapacitated individual," which is found on the website.

Elder Law

Varnum LLP

Phone number: (616) 336-6528

<https://www.varnumlaw.com/services-practices-elder-law>

Varnum's elder law attorneys work with individuals and families to discuss and establish plans regarding health and long-term care planning, the legal capacity of the elder, decision-making, estate-planning, and public benefits (which include Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security).

Elder Law

Eyestone Law Offices PLC

(800) 667-5291

<https://eyestonelawoffices.com/>

info@eyestonelawoffices.com

Elder law is another aspect of estate planning, focusing primarily on the needs of families and individuals as they age. Issues of aging include senior housing and home care, long-term (or nursing home) care, guardianships and health care documents, Medicare and Medicaid.

Estate Planning

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Everyone has a story and most of us have a good idea of how we want to be remembered by those who are important to us. Estate planning is a great way to leave a positive and lasting legacy to your loved ones by determining your wishes for providing for yourself and your loved ones both during your lifetime and after you are gone. Our role in the process is to work with you and your other advisers to develop the best estate plan possible through the use of wills, trusts, and other estate planning services. We specialize in Estate Planning services in Grandville, Grand Rapids and Muskegon, Michigan.

Elder Law

*Law Office of Constance L. Brigman
P.C.*

Phone number: (616) 949-1900

Constance Brigman's practice mainly consists of:

- Trusts
- Probate
- Estate Planning
- Guardianships & Conservatorships
- Will Contests, Trust Litigation & Mediation
- Health Care and Powers of Attorney

Elder Law

David L. Carrier P.C.

Phone number: (616) 361-8400

<http://www.davidcarrierlaw.com/elder-law-lawyers/>

The legal team is prepared to address your questions concerning:

- Estate planning
- Medicaid and/or Medicaid benefits
- Social security benefits
- Planning for nursing home care
- VA benefits
- Retirement and insurance benefits
- Tax planning
- And other legal issues and concerns

Elder Law

The Elder Law Firm P.C.

Phone number: (877) 933-7252

<http://www.michiganelderlaw.com/practice-areas.php>

The experienced attorneys at The Elder Law Firm PC specialize in the law relating to Medicaid and long-term health care issues. Elder law practice areas include:

- Estate planning
- Wills and trusts
- Alzheimer's planning
- Asset protection
- Veterans benefits
- Social security disability

Elder Law

Plachta, Murphy and Associates

Phone number: (616) 458-3994

<https://www.pmalawpc.com/services/elder-law/>

info@pmalawpc.com

The Elder Law Solutions team brings together a variety of professionals, including a family advocate, medical social worker, and government benefit specialists, along with attorneys, who assist with the various needs of senior citizens in a holistic, integrated way. The Elder Law Solutions team can help seniors and their families with a variety of issues including:

- Medicaid planning
- Caregiver contracts
- Long-term care planning and advocacy
- Estate planning

Estate Planning

Varnum LLP

Phone number: (616) 336-6000

<http://www.varnumlaw.com/services/estate-planning/>

generalinfo@varnumlaw.com

At Varnum, we believe that each person has a vision for life and the legacy he or she will leave behind. The vision changes and matures, but at any one time it is expressed as an objective or goals for the future. It often includes an element of financial well being, perhaps centered around the need to preserve, manage and transfer acquired wealth. The vision may include a desire to assist family members and other loved ones to enable them to achieve their potential and their own vision. People also look to give back to the community that helped them succeed through charitable giving.

The Estate Planning Services offered by Varnum provide a unique opportunity to share the hopes and expectations that make up your vision for the future.

Legal Hotline for Michigan Seniors

Lakeshore Legal Aid

Phone number: (888) 783-8190

<https://lakeshorelegalaid.org/services/>

Lakeshore Legal Aid is a not-for-profit law firm providing a range of free civil legal services to people who are low income, seniors, survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in our communities.

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Housing Advocacy

Fair Housing Center of West Michigan

Phone number: (616) 451-2980

<http://www.fhccwm.org/ourservices>

We investigate discrimination and protect housing choice by assisting individuals as they report housing discrimination, mediating alleged discrimination on behalf of individuals, and resolving alleged discrimination so individuals regain housing choice.

Advocacy services include: fair housing complaint intake, investigation, and resolution; assisting individuals with reasonable accommodation and modification requests; casework and advocacy on behalf of victims of illegal housing discrimination; etc.

Michigan Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program

Michigan Aging and Adult Services Agency

Phone number: (866) 485-9393

<http://mltcop.org/>

Since 1972, the Michigan Long Term Care Ombudsman Program has striven to improve the quality of care and quality of life experienced by residents who reside in licensed long-term care facilities. Licensed long-term care facilities are nursing homes, homes for the aged, and adult foster care homes.

Ombudsmen advocate for the resident in the facilities, guided by the wishes of the resident. All services are provided under strict confidentiality. Ombudsmen cannot share information about the resident or the resident's concerns without the resident's permission.

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CPA for Seniors

Rivertown Finance

Phone number: (616) 528-8128

<http://www.cpaforseniors.com/>

roxanne@cpaforseiors.com

CPA for Seniors aims to be the preferred daily money management resource for seniors and their caregivers. Services they offer to seniors include:

- Banking - Reconcile accounts, communicate revenue, expenses, and cash balances, coordinate with support network as needed
- Revenue - Track revenue by source, resolve financial issues
- Expenses - Sort mail, pay bills, assist with debt management
- Conservators and Trusts - Prepare conservatorship and trust accounting reports
- Taxes - Prepare income tax projections, prepare income and fiduciary tax returns

Financial Planning and Management

Calder Investment Advisors

Phone number: (616) 235-2442

<https://wearecalder.com/services/>

Calder services for individuals include:

- Investment management and strategy
- Financial planning
- Social security planning

Wealth Management

Grand Wealth Management

Phone number: (616) 451-4228

<http://www.grandwealth.com>

Comprehensive wealth management at Grand Wealth Management includes investment management, estate planning, risk management, education planning, charitable planning, tax planning, and retirement planning, among other services.

Financial Planning

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Phone number: (616) 451-4228

<http://www.grandwealth.com/whatwedo.aspx?spid=64591&Title=About%20Our%20Clients>

Grand Wealth Management's advice is best suited for those clients who have unique needs because of the success they have achieved in their lives.

Medicare and Medicaid Counseling

Senior Neighbors

Phone number: (616) 233-0282

<http://seniorneighbors.org/services/medicare-medicaid-counseling/>

kdinh@seniorneighbors.org

Trying to figure out your health and drug coverage options is confusing. At Senior Neighbors we're here to help you navigate through Medicare and Medicaid. Our trained counselors can research, advocate and assist with enrollment into health and drug insurance.

Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program

Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan

Phone number: (800) 803-7174

<https://www.aaawm.org/mmap>

aaainfo@aaawm.org

A highly skilled team of trained volunteer counselors offers educational assistance to Medicare beneficiaries through individual counseling to help them understand health care choices. Because they are not connected with any insurance company, MMAP Counselors are able to serve objectively and confidentially.

MMAP can help you understand:

- Medicare eligibility, enrollment, coverage, claims, and appeals
- Medicare Health Coverage Options
- Medicare Prescription Drug Plans (Part D)
- Medicare Supplemental Insurance (Medigap)
- Medicaid
- How to report Medicare/Medicaid waste, fraud, and abuse
- Long Term Care Insurance options

Advance Care Planning

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Mercy Health

Phone number: (616) 685-6115

<https://www.mercyhealth.com/for-patients/advance-care-planning>

lewisnm@mercyhealth.com

As a patient at Mercy Health, we want you to be as prepared as possible when it comes to the well-being of you and your family. Advance Care Planning is a way for you to discuss with your loved ones what your health care preferences are and what should happen in case any situation leaves you unable to make decisions for yourself.

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Spectrum Health

Phone number: (616) 774-7615

<https://www.spectrumhealth.org/patient-care/services-and-treatment-detailpages/advance-care-planning>

advancecareplanning@spectrumhealth.org

When your wishes for care are known in advance, family members experience significantly less anxiety, stress and depression. Let us help you achieve your health care wishes and goals by communicating your health care needs with an Advance Directive. Your documented health care choices are a gift that you can give to your decision-maker, known as Patient Advocate in the State of Michigan, and your loved ones.

At Spectrum Health, we have people who are trained to help you and your loved ones make decisions about your future health care. You can revisit and revise your decisions

and written documents throughout your life as your health changes and as your wishes and goals regarding your health change.

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Harbor Hospice

Phone number: (800) 497-9559

<https://harborhospicemi.org/services/advance-care-planning/>

The staff at Harbor Hospice are available to answer questions or provide support should you have questions or would like assistance in putting together an Advance Directive. There is no charge for this service. Please call 800.497.9559 to set up an appointment at our office or email us through our contact us system. Harbor Hospice staff are available the second Thursday of every month to assist with completing the *Charted Making Choices Michigan* Advance Directive. 10:00am-12:00pm, Tanglewood Park Age Well Office, 560 Seminole Road, Muskegon MI 49441. Please call their office at 231.733.8643 to schedule an appointment.

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