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## Legal help is available in most civil law areas such as:

- Consumer Protection
- Debt Collection Problems
- Employment
- Foreclosure
- Grandparent Caregivers
- Guardianship/  
Conservatorships
- Landlord/Tenant
- Long-Term Care
- Medicare/Medicaid
- Powers of Attorney
- Probate
- Social Security Disability
- Transfer on Death Deeds
- Wills/Trusts

Referrals are NOT made on appeals, criminal matters, and civil cases where the client is primarily seeking money damages, such as personal injury or car accidents.



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## Lawyer Referral for the Elderly Program (LREP)



- Free legal helpline for people living in New Mexico age 55+, their families and caregivers
- Educational workshops and free attorney consultations at senior centers statewide
- Private attorney referrals for people needing direct representation

**Albuquerque and Surrounding  
Communities 797-6005**

**Statewide 1-800-876-6657**

**Monday-Friday 8am - 5pm**



## How Can We Help You?

Through our Legal Helpline we can provide:

- Issue Assessment
- Legal Information
- Legal Advice
- Limited Brief Services

If your problem cannot be resolved through the Legal Helpline, we can provide:

- Referrals to a proper agency
- Referrals to a private attorney

## What Will it Cost?

Talking with Helpline staff attorneys is free of charge.

Referrals to private attorneys are made on a free, reduced fee, deferred fee, or full-fee basis, depending on the type of legal matter and the client's ability to pay. Court costs, depositions, etc., will be the client's responsibility. Arrangements for homebound or nursing home/assisted living seniors can be requested.

## Who are the Referral Attorneys?

Attorneys in private practice who have agreed to serve on the referral panel.

## Who is Eligible?

All people living in New Mexico age 55 or older, regardless of income, and their families and caregivers seeking help on behalf of the seniors.

## What Other Services are Provided?

- Legal workshops and conference speakers
- Informational brochures which address current issues affecting older New Mexicans
- Some legal forms and instructions



## Helpline Staff Attorneys Often Answer the Following Questions:

- I am receiving daily calls from my creditors. The calls are annoying and the creditors are harassing me. Is there anything I can do?
- My spouse needs to go into a nursing home. Will I have to give up my home in order to get him or her long-term Medicaid coverage?
- My child wants me to co-sign on a loan. Should I do it?
- How can I tell whether my estate will require probate?
- I owe creditors. Should I mortgage my house to pay them off?
- Social Security says I have been overpaid. What can I do?
- I have heard about living trusts. What are they and should I have one?