



# ELDER LAW RESEARCH GUIDE

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### **PURPOSE**

This guide is designed to help researchers find Elder Law resources in the Barclay Law Library. It is not intended to be an exhaustive review of the resources available on the topic. It is limited to the resources currently in the library's collection. It will be updated periodically to reflect the new book title or electronic service additions to the Elder Law collection.

### **OUTLINE**

This guide is divided into three (3) parts. Part I provides research pointers to federal law resources with respect to the core legal concerns faced by the elderly.

These concerns include:

- Employment and civil rights (age discrimination)
- Financial affairs (ERISA)
- Medical treatment & Medicare and Medicaid
- Social Security & S.S.I, and
- Veterans' benefits.

Part II provides research pointers to state law resources for such issues as:

- Living wills
- Guardianship

A general bibliography is included at the end of this part to guide researchers to other Elder Law topics and issues.

Part III provides research pointers to internet and online State and Federal Elder Law resources.

## Part 1

### Federal Law - Primary and Secondary Sources

Topical Resources Covered: Age Discrimination, ERISA, Medicare, Medicaid, Medical Treatment, Social Security, S.S.I. and Veterans Benefits.

#### A. Age Discrimination

The *Age Discrimination in Employment Act* (ADEA) protects workers age forty and over from being discriminated against on the account of their age by an employer in hiring, discharging, or in terms of compensation or conditions of employment. The law can be found in the following resources:

##### 1. *United States Code* Unclassified Floor 4

29 U.S.C. §621, et seq. *Age Discrimination in Employment Act* (ADEA) (Pub. L. 90-202, Dec. 15, 1967, 81 Stat. 602))

Useful ADEA sections include:

Prohibition of Age Discrimination which outlines unlawful practices § 623;

Description of age limits, § 631; and

Discussion of nondiscrimination on account of age in federal government employment § 633a

##### 2. *Code of Federal Regulations* Floor 4

29 CFR. Parts 1625.1 et seq. – “*Age Discrimination in Employment Act*”

##### 3. Texts & Treatises

Check the library’s “Location Guide” for the current location of the sources mentioned here.

Egltit, Howard C., *Age Discrimination*, Shepard’s/McGraw Hill, 1994 KF 390.A4E34

Kalet, Joseph E., *Age Discrimination In Employment Law*, Bureau Of National Affairs, 1990. KF 3465.K35 1990

##### 4. *Case Law - West’s Federal Practice Digest, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition* Floor 4

Digest Topic - Civil Rights. Volumes 12B-18A.

See key numbers 78 & 168 for case abstracts and citations.

## **B. ERISA**

ERISA is a federal law which sets minimum standards for voluntary pension and health plans in private industry to provide protection for individuals in these plans. The law can be found in the following resources:

### **1. United States Code** Unclassified Floor 4

29 U.S.C. sec.1001, et. seq., *Employee Retirement Income Security Act*, Pub. L. 93-406, Sept. 2, 1974, 88 Stat. 829.

Subchapter I includes the Protection of Employee Benefit Rights and the regulatory provisions. The following sections might be useful:

Civil Enforcement § 1132;

Claims Procedure § 1131;

Definitions and Special Rules § 1167;

Prohibition of Discrimination against Individual Participants and Beneficiaries Based on Health Status § 1182; and

Minimum Participation Standards § 1152

### **2. Code of Federal Regulations** Unclassified Floor 4

29 C.F.R. Parts 2509, et seq. Employee Benefits Security Administration, Interpretive Bulletins Relating To the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974

### **3. Texts & Handbooks:**

Check the library's "Location Guide" for the current location of sources mentioned here.

Ronald J. Cooke, *ERISA Practice and Procedure* (McGraw-Hill) KF3512 .C65 (1989).

*ERISA : The Law and the Code*, Bureau of National Affairs, [KF3512.A315 H37](#).

### **4. Law Reviews - Index To Legal To Legal Periodicals & Books (Print)** Floor 3 (ERC).

The journal literature is considerable. Researchers can use the acronym "ERISA" and other relevant search terms to locate articles and books through the *Index to Legal Periodicals and Books*.

The online version is found in the law library's web page, under "Electronic Resources." Click on "Indexes." URL@ <http://www.law.syr.edu/lawlibrary/index.asp>

Check with a reference librarian at the reference desk on floor 3 of the library for questions about access and use of this index.

### **5. Case Law - West Federal Practice Digest, 4<sup>th</sup> edition** Floor 4

Digest Topic - *Pensions* Vols. 80-80D

See key numbers #21- 23, 139-141 for case abstracts and citations.

### ***C. Medical Treatment***

#### **1. *United States Code*** Unclassified Floor 4

42 U.S.C. §§ 1396a (w) (1), *Patient Self-Determination Act (PSDA)* (Pub. L. 101-508, Title IV, §§ 4206, 4571, Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-115, 1388-204)

This act provides some procedural protections for medical patients. However, the question of consent to medical treatment is a question of state law. Living wills, health care proxies and other forms of substituted consent are also governed by state law.

See Part 3 (1) of this guide, “Living Wills, etc.” for state law resources.

#### **2. *Texts and Treatises***

Check the library’s “Location Guide” for the current location of sources mentioned here

*Advising Clients on Dealing with the Infirmities of Advanced Age*, New York State Bar Association, 1986. [KF1347.A75 A38 1986](#)

### ***D. Medicare AND Medicaid***

Medicare provides health insurance for most senior citizens with no financial requirements or limitations. 42 U.S.C. 1301-1397e. Medicaid is a means tested program with income and resource limitations on eligibility. 42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.

#### **1. *United States Code*** Unclassified Floor 4

42 U.S.C. §§ 1395-1395 ggg, *Health Insurance for the Aged Act*, P.L. 89-97, 79 Stat. 291 (Social Security Act)

Useful Sections:

General Provisions, Peer Review, and Administrative Simplification §§ 1301-1320d;  
Grants to States for Aids to Permanently and Totally Disabled §§ 1351-1355;  
Supplemental Security Income for Aged, Blind, and Disabled §§ 1381-1383f;  
Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled §§ 1395-1395hhh.

#### **2. *Code of Federal Regulations*** Unclassified Floor 4

42 C.F.R. §§ 400.200-424.354 and 475.100-498.103 *Public Health, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Dept. of Health and Human Services*

42 U.S.C. §§ 1396-1396s, P.L. 98-369, 98 Stat. 1171 *Medicaid Statute and Regulations (Grants to States for Medical Assistance Programs – Title XIX)*

42 C.F.R. Parts 430-456 *Public Health, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Dept. of Health and Human Services, Quality Improvement Organizations*. See Part 435 for Medicaid Eligibility

### **3. Texts & Handbooks**

Check the library's "Location Guide" for the current location of sources mentioned here

Harvey L. McCormick, *Medicare and Medicaid Claims and Procedures*, 3rd Ed. (West 2001) KF 3605 .M3 2001

This practice tool provides references to relevant case law, statutes and regulations. It also provides a description of the administrative fair hearing process.

Joseph L. Matthews & Dorothy Matthews Berman, *Social Security, Medicare and Pensions* (NOLO Press 1995) KF3650 .M37 2004

Written for the general public, this work covers such topics as Social Security, SSI, Medicare and Medicaid, Veterans' Benefits and private pensions. It also offers suggestions for self-advocacy

*Medicare and Medicaid Guide* (Commerce Clearing House) KF 3608 .A4 C64

This resource is a mini library on the subject of Medicare and Medicaid and requires a slight learning curve to the CCH system. It is very useful for the Medicare and Medicaid case law researcher.

### **4. Case Law - West's Federal Practice Digest, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, Floor 4**

Digest Topics – *Social Security & Public Welfare* Vol. 87-89

#### **Key numbers to consult:**

Part VI. Medical Programs

*Medicare case abstracts and citations - 241.5 - 241.5o.*

*Medicaid case abstracts and citations - 241.55-241.113.*

*Part IV. Assistance for Needy, Aged, Blind, & Disabled Persons – 194-240*

*Part II. Federal Insurance Benefits in General – 121-160*

#### ***E. Social Security and SSI***

Social Security is a federally sponsored pension system and is the primary income source for many senior citizens. SSI is a federal welfare program created in 1974 which provides monthly cash benefits to eligible elderly, blind and disabled individuals. The law can be found in the following resources:

**1. United States Code** Unclassified Floor 4

42 U.S.C. §§ 401, et seq. *Federal Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance Benefits*

*Useful Sections:*

Administration §§ 901-913

Federal Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance Benefits §§ 401-434

42 U.S.C. §1381, et seq., Supplemental Security Income for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled, P.L. 92-603, 86 Stat. 1465.

**2. Code of Federal Regulations** Floor 4

20 C. F.R. Parts 404, et seq. *Social Security Administration – Federal old-age, survivors and disability insurance, SSI (Statute and Regulations)*

20 C.F.R. Part 416. Social Security Administration – Supplemental security income for the aged, blind, and disabled

**3. Texts & Handbooks**

Check the library’s “Location Guide” and Summit online catalog for the current location of sources mentioned here.

*Social Security Law and Practice* (Clark Boardman Callaghan) (loose leaf)

This nine-volume source includes a comprehensive description of the Social Security program with copious cites to the statute, regulations and case law. .

**4. Case Law - West’s Federal Practice Digest, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition** Floor 4

Digest Topic – Social Security & Public Welfare Vol. 87

See key numbers 121-160 for case abstracts and citations

**F. Veterans’ Benefits**

Veterans’ Benefits include disability compensation, health care, vocational rehabilitation, and education assistance. Veterans, their spouses, parents and children are potentially eligible for benefits under the act. The law can be found in the following resources:

**1. United States Code** Unclassified Floor 4

38 U.S.C. §§ 101-1101 Veterans Benefits Act, (Part I - General Provisions),

38 U.S.C. §§ 1101-3001 (Part II – General Benefits), Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1106.

Chapter 17 includes the *Veterans Millennium Health Care and Benefits Act* which focuses on nursing homes and extended care. (see 38 U.S.C. § 1710A, et seq., Pub. L. 106-117, Nov. 30, 1999, 113 Stat. 1545).

**2. Code of Federal Regulations** Unclassified Floor 4

38 C.F.R. §§ 17.30 – 17.1008, Pensions, Bonuses, and Veterans' Relief (Medical).

**3. Case Law - West's Federal Practice Digest, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition** Floor 4

Digest Topic – *Armed Services* Vols. 3B-3C

See key numbers: 101-169 for case abstracts and citations.

**4. Texts & Handbooks**

Check the library's "Location Guide" for the current location of sources mentioned here

Louis D. Coffelt, *A Guide to Veterans Affairs Law & Practice* (Dewey Publications) KF7701 .C6 G8 1990.

Wildhaber, Michael E., *Veterans Benefits Manual : An Advocate's Guide to Representing Veterans and Their Dependents*, National Veterans Legal Services Project, c1991 [KF7709 .V38 1991.](#)

**Useful Secondary Sources**

**Topical Law Reviews**

*Elder Law Journal*, Unclassified – Floor 2 with Law Reviews

This journal takes a theoretical approach to elder law and reviews such issues as hostile work environment and elderly domestic abuse.

*Senior Law Report*, HQ1060 .S47 (Floor 2)

The journal reports on such issues as health care, housing, and the legal status of the elderly.

**Finding Tools** – *Index to Legal Periodicals and Books* (Print – Floor 3, check with reference librarian for online assistance)

**Research Tips:**

For articles on elder law generally, search this Index under the subject “aged,”

Also, researchers can use the on-line version of *ILPB* to search these topics:

*“age discrimination”*  
*“elder abuse”*  
*“nursing homes”*  
*“Medicaid”*  
*“Medicare”*  
*“social security”*  
*“grandparents’ visitation rights”*  
*“veterans”*

**Online Sources for Law Review Articles:**

**Hein-on-Line**

Hein-on-Line is a database of full-text law review articles. It can be a useful source for current and older articles. Its point and click interface is useful for searching individual law review titles.

Check with a reference librarian for access to this database.

**Summit Searches/Online Catalog**

Research tips:

Keywords:

*counseling and elderly*  
*“health care” and elderly*  
*aging and law*  
*advocacy and aging*  
*“elder law”*

Title searches:

*advocacy for aging*  
*elder law in nutshell*

Sample Titles:

Barnes, Alison, et al., *Counseling Older Clients* (ALI-ABA 1997) KF 390 .A4 B37 1997

Subjects include: Income, Paying Long- Term Health Care Costs, Choosing Appropriate Care, Substitute Decision Making, etc.

Frolick Lawrence A, *Advising the Elderly or Disabled Client: Legal, Health Care, Financial, and Estate Planning* (Warren, Gorham & Lamont 2000- ) KF390.A4 F75 2000

Offers practitioners guidance for providing legal assistance to the elderly.

Frolick Lawrence A., *Aging and the Law: An Interdisciplinary Reader* (Temple University Press 1999) KF 390 .A4 A42 1999

Subjects include Work, Income and Wealth, Housing, Mental Capacity Issues, Health Care Decision Making, Long Term Care, Family and Social Issues. Essays focus on policy considerations underlying the legal issues.

Frolik, Lawrence A. & Kaplan, Richard L, *Elder Law in a Nutshell* 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. (West 1999) KF 390 .A4 F752 2003

Topics include public benefits, health care, guardianship, age discrimination and elder abuse.

Krauskopf, Joan M, *Elderlaw: Advocacy for the Aging*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. (West 1993) (2 vol.) KF 390 .A4 K7 1993

Includes chapters on consumer fraud, renters' assistance, food stamps, as well as a sub-chapter on railroad retirement programs. Also available in Westlaw's ELDERLAW database.

New York State Bar Association, *Issues Of Concern For Presentation To Senior Citizens And Their Families*. (New York 1990) KFN 5604.A8 I8 1990

Provides a guideline for giving legal assistance to older individuals in New York.

Strauss Peter J, et al., *Aging and the Law* (Commerce Clearing House) (loose-leaf) KF 390 .A4 S7

Medicare-Medicaid medical care and housing.

*BioLaw: A Legal and Ethical Reporter on Medicine, Health Care, and Bioengineering* (University Pub.) (Loose-leaf) KF 3821 .A6 B56

A useful source on ethical questions related to health care.

Mark A. Hall, et al., *Health Care Law and Ethics in a Nutshell* (West 1999) KF 3821 .Z9 H35 1999

## Part 2

### State Law Issues/Topics

In this section research references are provided to primary and secondary law sources that discuss Elder Law issues or topics generally. The specific state focus is on New York issues and law resources.

#### I. Getting Started With State Law (Elder Law Topics):

Francis R. Doyle, *Searching the Law: The States*, Transnational Pub. 2003, 4th ed., (2 vol.) KF1 .D69 2003 Reference Floor 3

Doyle provides state-by-state listings of resources (texts, treatises, handbooks, etc.) for legal topics. The topics are arranged alphabetically, by subject area. New York State topics range from Accountancy to Workers' Compensation. Please note that there is no separate Elder Law subject heading listed in the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of this work. Elder Law resources will be found under the Family Law subject heading. Related topics will be found under such headings as: Estate Planning, Labor Law, Professional Responsibility, Medico-legal, Property, Taxation, Trusts, etc.

Leiter, Richard A., ed. *National Survey of State Laws*, 5<sup>th</sup>, Thomson/Gale, 2003. KF386 .N38 Law Library – Reference Floor 3

This survey presents in chart form state by state comparisons of current state laws (statutory provisions). This work is organized in six (6) parts with "Elder Law" related statutes found in Part 5 (under Family Law) and Part 6 "(General Civil Laws). This is a very useful resource for locating and comparing state statutes on various subjects.

#### II. Living Will's, Durable Power's of Attorney & Consent Laws

Orders Not to Resuscitate, Durable Powers of Attorney, and Health Care Proxies are legal documents which provide guidance as to an individual's wishes regarding end-of-life medical care and can be used to appoint an individual who knows the individual's wishes and can carry out those wishes.

Consult *The National Survey of State Laws*, mentioned above, for a chart providing citations to each state's statute on living wills. The chart summarizes key provisions with regard to operative facts that trigger the provision, revocation of a living will, and immunity for treating physicians who honor a living will. See Table 37c, at pages 555-583.

A chart in *The National Survey of State Laws* provides similar information with regard to durable powers of attorney. See Table 37a, at pages 519-548.

## A. New York State Law (Code)

*McKinney's Consolidated Laws Of New York Annotated* Floor 3 & Stack 1

### 1. *Public Health Law* § 2960 et seq., *Orders Not to Resuscitate*

Surrogate decision making § 2965

Decision-making on behalf of an adult patient § 2966; and

The effect of an order not to resuscitate on other treatment § 2968.

### 2. *General Obligations Law* § 5-1505 Durable Powers Of Attorney

### 3. *Public Health Law* § 2980 et seq. Health Care Agents and Proxies

Relevant sections include:

Appointment of a Health Care Agent § 2981;

The rights and duties of a health care agent § 2982;

Determination of lack of capacity to make health care decisions for the purpose of empowering an agent § 2983;

Provider's obligations § 2984;

The revocation of a health care agent and proxy § 2985; and

Creation and use of proxies in residential health care § 2992.

### 4. *Mental Hygiene Law* § 80.01 et seq. Surrogate decision-making

Relevant sections include:

The effect of the determination that a person is in need of surrogate decision-making § 80.11

Power to appoint guardian of a person

and/or property and standard for that appointment § 81.02.

## B. Texts & Handbooks

Check the library's "Location Guide" for the current location of sources mentioned here.

Hon. Edwin Kasoff & Charles Robert, Esq. *Elder Law and Guardianship in New York*,  
Lawyers Co-Op Publication (loose-leaf) KFN5111 .A33 K27

Topics include ethics, proxies and power of attorneys, Medicare and Medicaid, Social Security, and guardianship. Also included are law tables (USC, IRC, CFR) and table of cases.

Fay A. Rozovsky, *Consent to Treatment: A Practical Guide*, 3rd Ed. (Aspen) (loose-leaf)  
KF 3827 .I5 R69 2000

This source discusses the basic concepts applicable to informed consent to medical treatment, with citations to representative case law from various jurisdictions. There is a chapter titled "The *Elderly and Consent*." Other chapters outline the general rules applicable to informed consent and the right to refuse treatment.

*Handling Your First Health Care Proxy, Living Will and Durable Power of Attorney* (PLI 1992) KF 3827 .E87 H364 1992

PLI handbook includes advice and practical information related to the drafting of a proxy or living will. It also includes a discussion of assessment of the patient's capacity to consent, and "do not resuscitate orders.

**C. Law Reviews - Index to Legal Periodicals & Books.** (print & online) Floor 3  
Use the online *Index to Legal Periodicals & Books* to locate law review articles that discuss the law of a given state with regard to relevant issues. For example, to find articles on living wills using the online index, enter "living wills" and the name of a state (e.g. "New York") as search terms. The following articles provide state-by-state summaries of consent laws:

Bretton J. Horttor, *A Survey of Living Will and Advanced Health Care Directives* 74 North Dakota L. Rev. 233 (1998).

Robert D. Fleishner, *Advance Directives for Mental Health Care: An Analysis of State Statutes* 4 Psychology, Public Policy and the Law 788 (1998).

#### **D. State Case Law - West's (state) Digests**

Westlaw publishes a digest for every state. West state digests are located in Stacks 2 & 3 of the library, in alphabetical order, by jurisdiction. In addition, researchers can consult the American Digest (Decennial Digest) located on Floor 4 for national case law coverage.

West Digest Topic: *Physicians and Surgeons*

See key numbers 41-47 for case abstracts and citations.

### **III. GUARDIANSHIP**

Guardianship is a method of appointing an individual to conduct the affairs of an individual who is no longer competent.

Francis R. Doyle, *Searching the Law: The States*, Transnational Pub. 2003, 4th ed., (2 vol.) KF1 .D69 2003

There is no separate *Guardianship* subject heading listed in the 4<sup>th</sup> edition. Guardianship resources will be found under the *Family Law* subject heading.

### **A. New York State Law**

*Mental Hygiene Law* § 81.01 et seq. *Proceedings for Appointment of a Guardian for Personal Needs or Property Management* (McKinney's 2004). Floor 3 & Stack 1

Relevant sections include:

- Power to Appoint a Guardian of the Person and/or Property § 81.02
- Who May Commence a Proceeding § 81.06
- Hearing § 81.11
- Dispositional Alternatives § 81.16
- Eligibility as Guardian § 81.19
- Duties as Guardian § 81.20
- Powers of Guardian §§ 81.21 and 81.22
- Discharge or Modification of Powers of Guardian § 82.36

### **B. Texts & Handbooks**

Check the library's "Location Guide" for the current location of sources mentioned here  
George H. Zimny & George T. Grossberg, *Guardianship of the Elderly* (Springer Pub. 1998) KF 553 .G83 1998

Describes the legal basis for guardianship, the procedures typically followed in a guardianship proceeding and, the monitoring of guardians.

Scott K. Summers, *Guardianship and Conservatorship: A Handbook for Lawyers* (ADA 1996) KF 553

Although not specifically about guardianship for the elderly this handbook describes the guardianship proceeding. It is a useful overview of the process for practitioners.

### **C. Law Reviews - Index To Legal Periodicals & Books (ILP): (print & online) Floor 3**

See for example, *Ten Years After: Where is the Constitutional Crisis' With Procedural Safeguards and Due Process in Guardianship Adjudication?* 7 *Elder Law* 1.33 (1999)

For charts identifying state guardianship statutes. Also includes charts on the following sub-topics: "Initiation of Guardianship proceedings"; "Notice"; and "Conduct of Guardianship Proceedings." Charts include citations and summaries of key statute provisions.

Please note that the online version can be accessed through the law library's web page, under "Electronic Resources." Do a basic keyword search using "guardian\*" and "elder\*" as search terms. Also, search under "guardian and ward" or survey and "guardianship statutes."

## **D. State Case Law – West’s (state) Digests Stacks 1 – 3**

Digest topics- Guardian, Ward, and Mental Health,

See key numbers 101-313 for case abstracts and citations.

## **Part 3**

### **Online Research**

#### **I. Medicare & Medicaid Web Sites**

A. <http://www.medicare.gov>

Federal government web site for Medicare. Information on eligibility, enrollment, nursing homes, home health care benefits and other topics.

B. <http://www.medicareadvocacy.org>

Web site for the Center for Medicare Advocacy. In addition to much useful information on Medicare, the web site includes summaries of litigation and a "Washington update" page with links to recent news related to Medicare.

#### **II. Pensions**

A. <http://www.pbgc.gov>

The Pension Benefit Guarantee Corp. web site offers researchers, among other things, descriptions of corporate pension plans (under "Trustee Plan Info"), access to statutes, regulations, PBGC opinion letters (under "Legal Information & FOIA" and other useful information such as access to government information on retirement planning.

The Laws and Regulations section of the website contains information pertaining to PBGC – Title 6 of ERISA, CFR, Federal Register, Technical Updates, etc. A hyperlink to the Legal Information Institute at Cornell Law School provides researchers access to Chapter 18 of title 29 of the United States Code. The Office of the General Counsel of PBGC provides opinion letters from 1974 to the present. These opinion letters deal with the PBGC's interpretation of Title IV of ERISA.

#### **III. Social Security Administration**

A. <http://www.ssa.gov>

Social Security Administration official web site. Information on benefits, the application process, hearings, and other topics. Answers to over 600 frequently asked questions.

#### **IV. Veteran's Benefits (Internet, Westlaw & Lexis)**

**VA GOV:** <http://www.va.gov> *Web Site*

VA.GOV is the official government web site. It includes the Board of Veterans' Appeals decisions from 1994 to 2003. Additionally, there are links to federal legislation and regulations, and information about health benefits, compensation, and a variety of other services provided to veterans.

**Lexis:** "Elder Law" Library includes a file labeled VAOPGC.

This file includes the full text of opinions from the Office of General Counsel. It includes opinions involving veteran's benefits, eligibility, medical care, housing, and long-term care. (Note: password required)

#### **Westlaw:**

Federal Military Law - Board of Veteran's Appeals Decisions (FMIL-BVA). Opinions released by the Board of Veterans' Appeals of the Department of Veterans Affairs. (Note: password required)

Federal Military Law – Veteran's Administration (FMIL-VAAD). Opinions released by the Office of the General Counsel of the Department of Veterans Affairs and Board of Veterans' Appeals decisions released by the Veterans Administration. (Note: password required)

#### **V. General Web Sites**

A. <http://www.brookdale.org>

Maintained by the Brookdale Center on Aging (Hunter College). The Center runs training programs for attorneys and other advocates on topics such as Medicare and Medicaid advocacy, and publishes advocacy training manuals. Among its many interesting features is a free guide with information for "grandparents who are the primary caregivers of their grandchildren."

B. <http://www.nslc.org>

Maintained by the National Senior Citizens Law Center. On-line articles on news related to public benefits for the elderly. Issue papers on health, retirement and "social justice." Explanations of recent Supreme Court and other Federal court decisions.

C. <http://www.naela.com>

Maintained by the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. The Academy runs training programs on public benefits, estate planning, guardianship, health and long-term care planning. The web site has a service linking elder clients with attorneys who have expertise in the area.

D. <http://www.seniorlaw.com>

Maintained by a New York City law firm, this site has much useful information on Medicare, Medicaid and the rights of elderly individuals.

E. <http://www.elderlawanswers.com>

Another useful source for information on public benefits for the elderly and other "planning" issues.