



# SeniorLAW Center

Protecting the Rights of Older Pennsylvanians

## We provide a voice, an advocate and access to justice to older Pennsylvanians.

Through our legal staff of attorneys and advocates and pro bono volunteers, we represent, educate, and counsel thousands of seniors each year. We save homes, pursue protection from elder abuse, financial exploitation and fraud, assist grandparents raising grandchildren, advocate for older veterans, and more.

### THE NEED:

*Pennsylvania is the home to one of the largest populations of seniors in the country. 1 in 10 of older women in Pennsylvania lives in poverty. Philadelphia has the largest percentage of senior citizens among this country's 10 largest cities; almost half are low income. Only 1 in 5 low-income Pennsylvanians obtain legal assistance for critical issues in their lives and have no civil right to an attorney.*



### THE RESPONSE:

*SeniorLAW Center improves the lives of older Pennsylvanians. We protect their rights through legal representation, education and advocacy. We focus on our most vulnerable citizens, including the low income, the homeless, victims of elder abuse and exploitation, the disabled, veterans, and immigrant and other minority elders. We fight for fairness and access to justice for all.*

### SeniorLAW Center's nonprofit staff and volunteer attorneys help seniors through:

- **FREE Legal Representation**, focusing on the most vital and recurring legal problems facing seniors, including housing, elder abuse, financial exploitation, family law, and consumer protection.
- **Community Education**, informing seniors of their legal rights and helping avoid future legal problems and crises.
- **Neighborhood Legal Clinics**, providing community-based legal services at 5 neighborhood sites, including bilingual, bicultural services for Hispanic seniors in their own languages and communities. In addition 3 more sites are dedicated to providing community-based legal services for Veterans.
- **Pennsylvania SeniorLAW HelpLine (877-PA-SR-LAW)**, providing free legal information, advice, counseling and referrals to seniors living in all 67 counties of Pennsylvania, reaching rural, urban, and suburban areas.
- **Professional Training** to inform health care, social service, law enforcement and legal professionals to legal challenges seniors are facing.
- **Systemic Advocacy**, working collaboratively to address the needs of seniors, pursuing systemic solutions to problems facing seniors and families.



*These continue to be extremely hard times for the elders of our nation, who continue to face violence, poverty, isolation and exploitation in growing numbers. Help us pursue justice for our elders.*