



## ElderLaw News

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### August Medicaid Planning Seminars!

What will happen to your family and your money if you go into a nursing home? Did you know that more than 40 percent of all seniors will spend time in a nursing home, and that in Michigan, the average nursing home bill comes to over \$5,900 per month? But, there are sound, proven legal and financial strategies that can preserve your assets from nursing home costs, even if you or your loved one has already entered a nursing home. Don't miss this free seminar. Two days only! Tuesday, August 26, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM, Saint Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital, 620 Byron Rd., Howell, Michigan. Thursday, August 28, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM, Summerville at Brighton, 833 E. Grand River, Brighton, Michigan. Call 866-737-5007 for reservations.

### This Month's Articles:

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### **Online Calculator Gives Personalized Estimate of Future Social Security Benefit**

The Social Security Administration has unveiled a new online calculator that allows you to project what your monthly Social Security benefit will be based on your actual work record.

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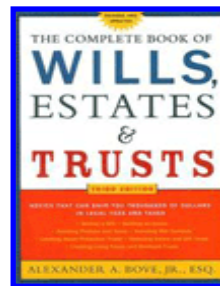
### **How Parents Can Provide for a Caregiver Child**

Taking care of a parent can be a full-time job, and children may have to give up paying jobs in order to provide the care. Unfortunately, caregiving is usually unpaid work. Parents who want to compensate a child who takes on the burden of caregiving may do so in one of several ways.

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### **Book Review: *The Complete Book of Wills, Estates and Trusts***

This substantial book, now in its third edition, is full of information to help you become more informed about how estate planning works.



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### **New Web Site Invites Reviews of Nursing Homes and Other Senior Care Services**

A new Web site features consumer ratings and reviews of nursing homes, assisted living, retirement communities, and home health care agencies. The site is a forum for seniors, caregivers, and aging professionals to share opinions on more than 75,000 senior care and housing services nationwide.

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## Millions of Retirees and Vets Are Leaving Stimulus Money on the Table

The IRS reports that more than 5 million retirees and disabled veterans who are eligible to receive a tax rebate under the \$152 billion economic stimulus package have failed to take the steps necessary to get their checks. But there's still time.

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