



# Aging in Alabama

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## Aging in Alabama elder law firm now open

It gives me great pleasure to present the first Aging in Alabama magazine to you, what will hopefully be a source of timely news in an otherwise difficult and scary age of news that is often not timely and sometimes not applicable. Many factors went into my launch of Aging in Alabama, but one of the largest factors was to better serve my clients and other professional



s who assist them, and to try to get more accurate information out to help them. I look forward to hearing from all of you as I strive to reach this goal.

In each issue, I hope to highlight a few important issues. Check out the menu in each issue for a summary.

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### **Our mission:**

1. To protect your life's work.
2. To provide accurate information to citizens affected by catastrophic illness.
3. To offer consultation and advocacy for those who need it.
4. To offer free telephone consultations to explain your rights.
5. To ensure your planning is on track.

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## New durable power of attorney law goes into effect.

The Alabama Legislature, in response particularly to the use of durable powers of attorneys at financial institutions, have enacted a new law. The new durable power of attorney form is drastically different from those that have been drafted – and accepted – in the past so it is advisable to get one done pursuant to the new statute immediately.

For a limited time, our office will prepare durable powers of attorney for existing clients at no charge. Others will have a nominal charge for preparation. Call us for more information and we will be posting more in depth information on the new law, and how it affects our clients, on the website as soon as possible.

For those who are managing affairs for a person who is now incapacitated, the old law will continue to be in effect with regard to those documents. As many of our clients have discovered, the old law did not do much to provide protection when the power of attorney was rejected by the financial institution for one or more typically invalid reasons. This is one of the primary purposes of the new law – to provide a set form that banks will agree to accept.

The bottom line is that if you have a serious health problem or are of advanced age, but still competent, you should immediately get a new durable power of attorney in place.

Call us at 251-281-8120 or 855-ELD-RLAW to schedule an appointment today.

### **Upcoming Events**

- 1/1/2012 Aging in Alabama opens
- 2/23/2012 CLE webcast Medicaid, Medicare and Social Security Update

### **And lest I forget...**

By Kyla G. Kelim, Esq.

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