

**When you need
a helping hand
to face the
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aging...**



The Law Offices of
Carol Bertsch

Assisting Seniors, Helping Families



Helping you and your family make informed decisions.

Today's seniors are living longer, and many enjoy active lifestyles. Still, most are concerned about what the future may hold and the challenges they face as they age, such as maintaining an adequate income, needing specialized care, or providing for their surviving spouse.

Other seniors are already experiencing physical or mental impairment and need immediate answers on financial, health, or long-term care issues.

Whichever situation you may find yourself in, an elder law attorney is uniquely qualified to help you face the challenges of aging.

What is elder law?

Elder law is a relatively new specialty area resulting from the growing number of elderly and their specialized needs. With longer life expectancy comes a complexity of legal issues that are constantly changing and impacting the financial needs, long-term care, public benefits, guardianship, and other matters of the aging.

What does an elder law attorney do?

Elder law attorneys advise and counsel seniors and their families on how they can best plan for their current or future needs and what impact or consequences certain decisions may have.

We help individuals and families prepare for the future.

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We assist seniors, people with special needs, and their families plan for and address the complex challenges surrounding aging and quality of life concerns.

Focusing on elder and disability law, our firm provides an umbrella of services to advise and counsel you and your family so you can make informed decisions to achieve your desired outcome.

“When mother was diagnosed with dementia, Carol gently guided us through a difficult and emotional time to ensure she received the necessary legal protection and Medicaid benefits for her care.”

Terry Hernandez, Daughter

Our first priority is to find sound solutions without resorting to legal intervention. But as your advocate, should the need arise, we will use every measure of the law to protect your benefits and rights.

Because many aging issues are interrelated, our team of professionals works with an extensive network of social workers, financial planners, and healthcare professionals to address physical, social, psychological, and financial needs.

Our goal is to assist you in finding positive solutions to complex challenges so you can maintain dignity and control and, most of all, achieve peace of mind.

- Elder and Disability Law
- Estate Planning
- Long-Term Care Planning
- Advance Directives
- Powers of Attorney
- Special Needs Trusts
- Medicaid and Public Benefits
- Probate and Guardianship





“As your advocate, I listen carefully to what you want. Then, working together, we can create the solution that’s right for you.”

Carol Bertsch, CELA, is an elder law attorney serving San Antonio and the surrounding communities.

Since opening her practice in 1996, Carol has been a true champion of the elderly and disabled — she even makes house calls to those unable to get out so they can receive the full benefit of legal counsel. First and foremost, she treats clients with the dignity and respect they deserve, always appreciative of the wonderful tapestry woven by their life experiences. With patience and understanding, she helps her clients plan for the challenges of aging.

She received her Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the University of Texas School of Law in 1992, and her Certified Elder Law Attorney (CELA) designation from the National Elder Law Foundation (NELF)* in 2012. CELAs must complete a rigorous full-day examination — verifying their enhanced knowledge, skills, experience, and proficiency — and demonstrate that their law practice is actually focused on special needs and elder law. Once certified, a CELA must continue to practice primarily in elder law and special needs, and complete continuing education credits specifically targeted to advanced practitioners.

Carol belongs to the following organizations:

- National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys
- Bexar County Women’s Bar Association
- San Antonio Bar Association
- National Association of Women Business Owners

*The NELF certification is accredited by the American Bar Association

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