

Exploring Ethical Challenges of Legal Services Working on Elder Abuse Issues

Increasing national focus on elder abuse and a push for greater legal services involvement, particularly in the area of financial exploitation, have led to a number of difficult ethical challenges. This webinar will examine: Ways in which ageist attitudes have shaped states elder abuse laws and how these attitudes - often unconscious - affect our approach to elder abuse, especially when clients are of questionable capacity; The critical need to establish and put in place, clear policies/protocols to guide involvement in abuse/exploitation cases and to ensure adherence to professional responsibilities, before legal programs get involved; and applying the policies/protocols and dealing with ethical challenges while working with elders and their families/third parties in the field.

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