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## TRUSTS & ESTATES: ELDER LAW

As loved ones age, the task of planning for their future care can be overwhelming. Elder law focuses on the financial, legal, and health care needs of individuals aged 65 and older. As elder law advocates, our attorneys are committed to providing solutions to the needs and concerns of clients in this group and their families. Preserving a lifetime of savings and protecting one's dignity requires a solid understanding of complex state and federal laws and the practices of Medicaid workers in individual counties. Through active memberships in the Elder Law Section of the State Bar of Wisconsin and the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, our attorneys stay informed on the latest issues affecting their clients. Recently two of our attorneys received accreditation from the Veterans Administration and are now able to represent veterans with the preparation, presentation, and prosecution of claims before the Administration.

Relationships between elder law attorneys and their clients are very personal. Therefore, we offer clients a single point of contact for all their elder law needs. Our services include:

- Nursing home and medical assistance planning
- Asset protection
- Gifting and divestment planning
- Medicare and Medicaid benefits
- Social Security benefits
- Insurance analysis (including long-term care insurance)
- Residential housing and other living options
- Planning for individuals with special needs
- Tax planning
- Durable powers of attorney for property and finances
- Health care powers of attorney
- Wills
- Trusts
- Marital property agreements
- Real estate
- Guardianship
- Conservatorship
- Veterans' benefits

As part of a full-service law firm, our attorneys provide clients with a one-stop approach to their legal needs. Ruder Ware, the largest Wisconsin law firm headquartered north of Madison, also provides legal counsel in Business Transactions; Litigation & Dispute Resolution; and Employment, Benefits & Labor Relations. 

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## Legal Services Offered by Ruder Ware

### Business Transactions

- Antitrust & Trade Regulation
- Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights
- Business Organizations
- Commercial Contracts
- Corporate Finance & Securities
- Executive Compensation & Employee Benefits
- Intellectual Property
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Real Estate & Construction

### Employment, Labor & Benefits

- Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation
- Employment Law
- Labor Law

### Litigation & Dispute Resolution

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Commercial Litigation
- Employment Litigation
- Environmental Litigation
- Estate & Fiduciary Litigation
- Preventative Litigation Services
- Products Liability Litigation
- Real Estate & Construction Litigation

### Trusts & Estates

- Asset Protection Planning
- Elder Law
- Estate Planning
- Family Business Succession Planning
- Fiduciary Services
- Probate & Trust Administration

### Focus Teams

- Agriculture
- Banking & Financial Institutions
- Health Care
- Local Governments & Municipalities
- Professional Responsibility for Attorneys
- Schools & Educational Institutions