

The legal needs of the elderly and chronically ill are many and diverse...

Older Americans today are facing increasingly complex challenges. Laws and regulations affecting the elderly have grown in number and complexity. Decisions about future personal, financial, legal and health care needs are difficult, but necessary.

Similarly, the regulations affecting public benefits and services for the developmentally disabled and chronically ill are complex, but receipt of the benefits and services is vital.

The Law Offices of Donald D. Vanarelli is prepared to help you address the legal issues and life decisions that older adults and the disabled must necessarily face.

*ESTATE AND LONG-TERM CARE  
PLANNING FOR THE AGED,  
DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED  
AND THE CHRONICALLY ILL*

**SERVICES**

- Asset Protection Planning for Long-Term Medical and Nursing Care
- Comprehensive Medicaid and Estate Planning Services
- Effective Life Care Planning
- Medicaid Applications
- Probate and Estate Administration
- Medicare and Medicaid Appeals
- Social Security Disability Appeals
- Health Insurance Representation
- Guardianship and Professional Fiduciary Services
- Disability and Special Needs Planning
- Planning for Parents of Adult Children with Disabilities
- Mediation Services
- Personal Injury Settlement Advice
- Will Contests and Litigation

**FIRM PROFILE**

The Law Firm of Donald D. Vanarelli is a unique law firm providing a broad range of legal services for the elderly, the disabled and their families. Because we concentrate on law for the elderly and disabled, we are especially sensitive to the stresses that America's confusing estate tax laws, public benefits laws and health care system can place on our clients and their families.

**CERTIFIED ELDER LAW ATTORNEY**

Mr. Vanarelli is certified as an Elder Law Attorney. Elder Law is the legal practice of representing older or disabled persons and their representatives in financing long-term medical care, nursing home issues, qualifying for Medicare, Medicaid and other public benefits, estate planning, trust administration, probate, retirement benefit disputes and guardianships.

Elder Law has been formally recognized by the New Jersey Supreme Court as a legal specialty. The American Bar Association (ABA) accredited the Elder Law certification program established by the National Elder Law Foundation. New Jersey recognized the Elder Law specialty through the ABA's accreditation program. To be certified in Elder Law, an attorney must have practiced Elder Law for at least five years; must have passed a full day written exam; must have taken continuing legal education courses in Elder Law; and, must have received good references from five attorneys, at least three of whom must be Elder Law Attorneys. Fewer than 1 in 3,000 New Jersey attorneys are Board-certified as

**REGISTERED GUARDIAN**

Mr. Vanarelli is certified as a Registered Guardian (RG) by the National Guardianship Foundation. An RG serves as a private fiduciary by practicing as an agent under a power of attorney or guardian of the person or the estate of an incapacitated person. The RG certification has not been recognized by the NJ Supreme Court.

**CERTIFIED GUARDIAN AND COURT  
EVALUATOR IN NEW YORK STATE**

Mr. Vanarelli is certified by the Office of Court Administration in the State of New York as a Guardian and Court Evaluator under Article 81 of New York's Mental Hygiene Law. Under NY law, a Court may appoint a Guardian or Court Evaluator to assist the Court in evaluating and providing appropriate care to an elderly or disabled person.

**APPROVED MEDIATOR BY THE  
NEW JERSEY SUPREME COURT**

Mr. Vanarelli is approved by the New Jersey Supreme Court as a Mediator in civil, equity and probate litigation. Mediation is a process of dispute resolution by an impartial third party who attempts to assist and encourage contesting parties in a dispute towards a mutually acceptable agreement. Mediated agreements are binding on the parties and enforceable in Court.

**LAW OFFICES OF  
DONALD D. VANARELLI**

## PRINCIPAL ATTORNEY



### **Donald D. Vanarelli**

has been a practicing attorney since 1983, admitted to practice law in New Jersey and New York. A graduate of Rutgers Law School, Don practices in areas of elder law, estate

planning and probate administration. Before becoming an attorney, Don worked for the Social Security Administration adjudicating claims for benefits under the Social Security, SSI, Medicare and Medicaid programs. Immediately after graduating law school, Don served as Law Clerk to Hon. Herbert S. Alterman, J.S.C., Superior Court, Passaic County. Don is board-certified as an Elder Law Attorney. He is also certified as a Registered Guardian, and practices as a professional fiduciary. He is approved as a mediator by the New Jersey Supreme Court. Don is a past Chairman of the Somerset County Elder Law Committee, and past Secretary of the New Jersey Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. In addition, Don is a member of the New Jersey Bar's Elder Law Section, the Union County Elder Law Committee and the National Guardianship Association. Don is an accredited member of the NJ Association of Professional Mediators.

Don maintains offices at 242 St. Paul Street, Westfield, NJ 07090 Tel: (908) 232-7400. Don also meets with clients at other conference locations.

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- ◇ High Quality Legal Services
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- ◇ Personal Attention to Each Client
- ◇ High Ethical Standards

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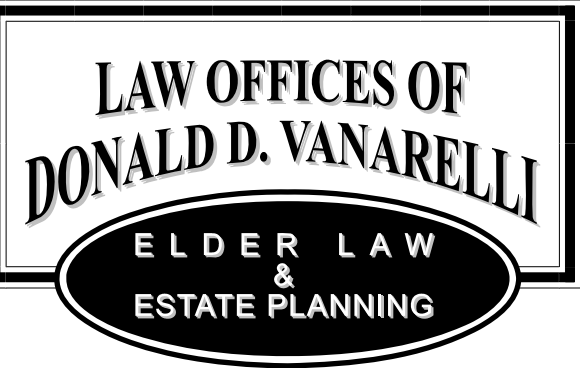
The Law Firm of Donald D. Vanarelli is devoted to helping seniors and the disabled find, get and pay for quality long term care, while preserving assets for family and others. We strive to provide elder law, estate planning and other legal services with the highest level of excellence in legal expertise, compassion and sensitivity. Through our publications and seminars, we educate other professionals and our client community about the legal needs of and resources available to seniors, the disabled and their families.

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