

The **Law Office of Donald D. Vanarelli** provides services to clients as legal counsel and professional fiduciary. In that regard, Mr. Vanarelli is a Certified Elder Law Attorney. In addition, he is certified as a Registered Guardian and as a Guardian and Court Evaluator in New York State. This combination of credentials allows Mr. Vanarelli and his firm to offer a wide variety of services to clients.

**Mr. Vanarelli often represents family members seeking guardianship. Mr. Vanarelli also serves as agent under a power of attorney or guardian for clients in need of such services. Similarly, Mr. Vanarelli may serve as executor under a will or trustee, administering client estate assets after the client's death.**

We offer these services:

- Legal Counsel for Family Members Seeking Guardianship
- Guardian of the Person
- Guardian of the Estate
- Agent under a Power of Attorney
- Agent under an Advance Medical Directive
- Executor
- Trustee
- Guardianship Contests
- Estate Management
- Guardian *Ad Litem*
- Conservator
- Representative Payee
- Legal Counsel for the Proposed Ward

#### LEGAL COUNSEL FOR FAMILY MEMBERS SEEKING GUARDIANSHIP

The law firm represents family members and others in legal proceedings leading to the appointment of a guardian of an incapacitated person.

#### GUARDIANSHIP OF THE PERSON

Once appointed as guardian by the surrogate's court, the law firm works to arrange for appropriate services that provide for the health, welfare and safety of its ward.

#### GUARDIANSHIP OF THE ESTATE

For some persons, the surrogate's court appoints a guardian for financial affairs. The law firm ensures that the estates of incapacitated persons in its care are managed and protected in a responsible manner in accordance with the law.

#### AGENT UNDER A POWER OF ATTORNEY OR ADVANCE MEDICAL DIRECTIVE

The law firm is available to carry out and advocate previously expressed wishes when the client is unable to do so him/herself.

#### EXECUTOR OR TRUSTEE

The law firm can serve as executor under a will or as trustee of a trust established by the incompetent person during his or her competency.

#### GUARDIANSHIP CONTESTS

The law firm represents family members contesting the appointment of a proposed guardian.

#### ESTATE MANAGEMENT

The law firm provides professional estate management. By first assessing the needs of our clients, present and future, the law firm is able to develop an estate plan to assure that each individual's needs are met to the maximum extent possible.

#### GUARDIAN AD LITEM

When certain individuals, particularly children, are involved in disputes, the court may appoint the law firm to act as a guardian *ad litem* to advocate for and act in the best interests of that individual during the litigation.

#### CONSERVATORSHIP

There may be times when an individual requests the assistance of an agent to help manage his or her financial affairs. The law firm will serve as court-ordered conservator in these cases.

#### REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE

Many persons need assistance in managing their public assistance or retirement benefits. The law firm can act as a representative payee for these persons, assisting them in managing their often limited funds as wisely as possible.

#### LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE PROPOSED WARD

The law firm is often appointed by the surrogate's court as legal counsel for an alleged incapacitated person.

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#### FIRM PROFILE

The Law Firm of Donald D. Vanarelli is a unique law firm providing a broad range of legal and professional fiduciary services for the elderly, the disabled 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 through the American Bar Assn's accreditation program.

#### 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 New Jersey Supreme Court.

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

Mr. Vanarelli is certified in the State of New York as a Guardian and Court Evaluator under Article 81 of NY's Mental Hygiene Law. Under NY law, a Court may appoint a Guardian or Court Evaluator to assist the

## 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.

## OUR COMMITMENT

- ◇ High Quality Legal and Professional Fiduciary Services
- ◇ Reasonable Rates
- ◇ Personal Attention to Each Client
- ◇ High Ethical Standards

## STAFF MEMBERS

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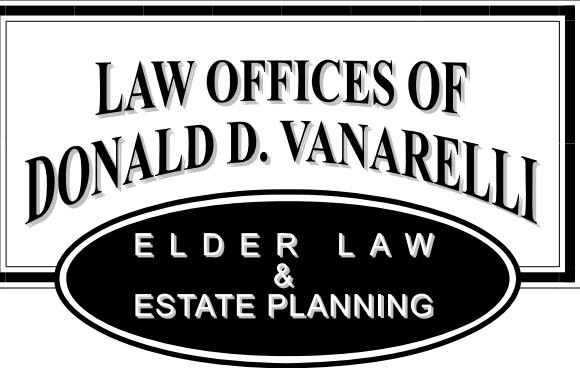
The Law Firm of Donald D. Vanarelli is devoted to helping seniors and the disabled find, get and pay for quality long term care, while preserving assets for family and others. We strive to provide elder law, estate planning and other legal services with the highest level of excellence in legal expertise, 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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