

Attorneys Create Non-profit and Website Resources to Assist with Disability Law Planning

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As an individual with a disability or family member of a loved one with a disability, have you found it difficult to locate information on disability planning law - and determine which information is relevant and accurate? If so, The Special Needs Alliance may be your answer! **Specialneedsalliance.org** is a website for a national, not-for-profit organization of attorneys. What makes this organization unique is that many of the attorneys have family members with special health needs themselves. They have the experience and dedication to provide the individuals with disabilities, their families as well as professionals who serve them with up-to-date and useful information. On the website, their attorneys advise families on topics such as life care planning, which includes:

- ◆ Benefit Planning includes Early Intervention and other public benefits (Medicaid, SSI, etc.)
- ◆ Special Needs Trust
- ◆ Personal Injury Settlements/Structured Settlement Negotiations
- ◆ Special Education
- ◆ Transition Planning
- ◆ Estate Planning

You can find publications written by their members, a tab on "Frequently Asked Questions," and helpful links, as well as download helpful resources such as:

- ◆ What Happens When I Turn 18
- ◆ Buying a Home for a Person with a Disability
- ◆ Estate Planning for Parents of Children with Disabilities
- ◆ Special Needs Trusts for Litigation Proceeds

You can also get a complimentary copy of "The Handbook for Trustees" and sign up for their newsletter, "The Voice".



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