

SENIORS LAW PROJECT

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

The Seniors Law Project of the Southeastern Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation is funded in part by the Bristol Elder Services, Inc. (BES), with Title III funds from the Older Americans Act and the Massachusetts Bar Foundation. BES and its programs are funded in whole or in part by contracts with the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs. The Seniors Law Project was developed to provide legal assistance to elders (age 60 and over) residing in:

- . Attleboro
- . Berkley
- . Dighton
- . Fall River
- . Freetown
- . Mansfield
- . North Attleboro
- . Norton
- . Raynham
- . Rehoboth
- . Seekonk
- . Somerset
- . Swansea
- . Taunton
- . Westport

Eligibility for services is based on age, residence, and Project priorities. While there are no income criteria, the Project must direct its services to those elders with the greatest economic and social need.

SMLAC provides legal assistance with no charge for questions or problems with:

Public Benefits:

Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), cash assistance, food stamps and other entitlement programs.

Housing:

Landlord/tenant problems in private and public housing, especially evictions.

Health/Health Insurance/ Long Term Care:

Problems with Medicaid (MassHealth), Medicare, private insurance and institutional care.

Document Preparation:

Powers of attorney, wills for home-bound and institutionalized seniors and in emergency situations.

There is no need to wait until the problem becomes serious!

Call for advice as soon as you think you may have a problem!

For other legal problems, a referral may be made to a private attorney.

Project staff can assist you in **Portuguese and Spanish**. The project is located at:

Southeastern Massachusetts
Legal Assistance Corporation
22 Bedford Street, 1st Floor
Fall River, Massachusetts 02720-3002

Appointments are available throughout the service area. Elders wishing to take advantage of our services should call us at:

(508) 676-6265
(800) 287-3777

during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Callers will be seen by appointment unless there is an emergency. *Home visits are available for home-bound seniors.*