

**B.C. CEAS other services:**

**Seniors Help and Information Line**

This provincial toll free line offers information about elder abuse and community resources and gives general information. Specific legal questions or concerns are referred to the **Legal Advocacy Program** or the **Elder Law Clinic**.

**The Legal Advocacy Program**

This program takes referrals from the Seniors Help and Information Line. The Legal Advocate/ Paralegal provides information over the phone and represents clients at tribunals or other hearings. Cases requiring court appearances are referred to the **Elder Law Clinic**.

**Public Legal Education and Information workshops**

B.C. CEAS staff are available to give public presentations on topics related to the rights of older adults and the justice system as it pertains to elder abuse. **Contact** the B.C. CEAS business line to request for an information workshop.

**Financial Abuse Workshops**

Trained volunteers deliver three workshops to community groups and organizations. These workshops, ABCs of Fraud, Money Matters, and B.C. Securities: Protect Your Money, provide information on financial scams and on ways to prevent financial abuse.

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**Print Materials about Elder Abuse and the Law**

B.C. CEAS has developed workshops, curriculums, booklets, fact sheets and other resources about elder abuse and about the justice system. These resources are available to the public through the B.C. CEAS office or online. These include:

- Fact Sheets on Abuse
- A Roof Over My Head: A Guide for Senior Renters in B.C.
- Community and Justice System Working Together
- Legal Issues for Seniors: A training manual

**Contact** B.C. CEAS business line for information on these publications.

**B.C. CENTRE FOR ELDER  
ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT**

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**SENIORS HELP AND INFORMATION  
LINE**

604-437-1940

1-866-437-1940

**BUSINESS LINE**

604-688-1927

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**Elder Law Clinic**

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**TO GET A REFERRAL TO  
THE ELDER LAW CLINIC,  
CALL THE SENIORS HELP  
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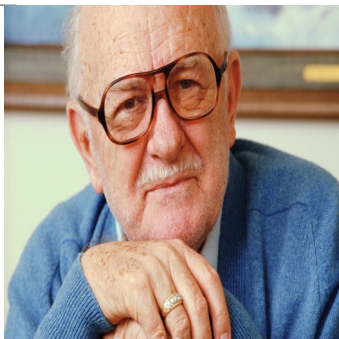
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## About B.C. CEAS

**All seniors in B.C. have the right to live with dignity, safe from abuse of any kind**



B.C. CEAS works to prevent elder abuse and to provide assistance and support to seniors that are, or may be, abused and those whose rights have been violated. We provide programs that educate, support and advocate on behalf of seniors. Our programs include:

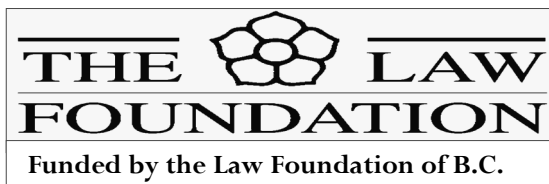
- Elder Law Clinic
- Legal Advocacy Program
- Seniors Help and Information Line
- Public legal education and information initiatives
- Financial abuse workshops delivered in the community by trained volunteers

### **Elder Law Clinic**

The Elder Law Clinic opened in August 2008, with the Grand Opening on September 29, 2008. The Elder Law Clinic is staffed by lawyers and offers legal information, legal advice and legal representation. The lawyers in the Elder Law Clinic work closely with the Legal Advocate/Paralegal in our Legal Advocacy Program. All referrals to the Elder Law Clinic or to the Legal Advocacy Program are made by calling the Seniors Help and Information Line at 604-437-1940 or 1-866-437-1940.

Older adults who are 55 years and over and would not otherwise be able to access justice due to low income or other barriers are eligible for Elder Law Clinic services.

**The Legal Advocacy Program and the Elder Law Clinic are funded by the Law Foundation of B.C.**



### **What services are provided by the Elder Law Clinic?**

The Elder Law Clinic provides legal advice and represents clients at tribunals and in court.

During 2007-2008 B.C. CEAS carried out an extensive community research project to determine which legal issues or situations should be given the highest priority for services in the legal clinic. As a result of this research we will give the highest priority to situations where an older adult is being (or has been) abused physically, emotionally, or sexually and where legal intervention is needed. Other priorities that were identified were:

- Financial abuse
- Access to government benefits
- Access to housing in the community
- Issues related to housing in long term care or assisted living

**The Elder Law Clinic does not provide legal assistance with Wills and Estates.**