



Senior Conservatorship

WHAT IS A CONSERVATOR?

A conservator is someone appointed by the court to manage your affairs if you become unable to make sound decisions, feed or dress yourself, administer your finances, or resist undue influences. Conservators may be relatives, friends, the county public guardian, or a private professional fiduciary. Unlike an agent for power of attorney, a conservator is court supervised in the control of your healthcare and/or finances. Note that the conservatorship process can be expensive. You are allowed to contest the conservatorship if you have sufficient capacity to do so but you will always be given the opportunity to voice your acceptance or discontent. If you have a problem with a conservator and you cannot work it out with them, you may want to contact your local Ombudsman, the Fiduciary Abuse Specialist Team, and/or your local Adult Protective Services office.

EXAMPLES OF FINANCIAL ABUSE

- Unauthorized real estate transactions
- Abuse of power
- Liquidation of assets
- Hiring of friends or family members
- Borrowing money from your estate
- Establishing bequests to conservator

FIDUCIARY ABUSE SPECIALIST TEAM (F.A.S.T.)

The Fiduciary Abuse Specialist Team is a multidisciplinary team created to assist Adult Protective Services & Long Term Care Ombudsman staff in the investigation, resolution and prevention of cases of elder fiduciary abuse.

FAST TEAM MEMBERS

FAST is comprised of professionals from both the public and private sectors to provide case consultation on cases of elder fiduciary abuse. FAST members include representatives from:

- Local law enforcement agencies
- County District Attorney & City Attorney offices
- Public Guardian
- Private attorneys
- Psychiatry & medical professionals
- Experts in gerontology

All professionals working in consultation with the FAST program offer their services pro bono. FAST assists in the investigation and prevention of approximately 1,000 cases of elder financial abuse per year.

FIDUCIARY SERVICES

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Riverside800-491-7123
 San Bernardino.....877-565-2020

FAST877-565-2020

OMBUDSMAN.....951-686-4402

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

OFFICE ON AGING951-867-3800

The Legal Assistance Program ensures the rights and entitlements of seniors by providing or securing assistance.