

## SENIOR LAWYERS SECTION (SLS) SENIOR VIRGINIANS LAW DAY (SVLD)

**The mission of the Senior Lawyers Section of the Virginia State bar is to uphold the honor of the profession of law, to apply the knowledge and experience of the profession to the public good, to encourage cordial discourse and interaction among members of the Virginia State Bar and to serve the interests of senior lawyers and promote the welfare of Virginia's seniors generally.**

The SLS deals with matters of interest for senior lawyers and senior citizens in our communities. The core program is Senior Virginians Law Day. The pro bono initiative encourages local bar organizations to present Senior Virginians Law Day Programs. These community-based programs are designed to educate and empower seniors and their care givers regarding their legal affairs. Each program is uniquely tailored for the target audience and usually includes information on the law, community services, benefits, safety and final arrangements. It is a community event soliciting support from lawyers, law enforcement, social services, community leaders and businesses. Senior Virginians Handbooks for participants are free and are available from the Virginia State Bar.

Senior Virginians Law Day Programs involve a three-step process:

**Sponsor.** Find a sponsor such as a bar association, law firm, local bank or business to finance the program. Provide a meal or refreshments and handouts. Recognize the sponsor in notices and programs. Involve the community, including business, financial, funeral, health, law enforcement, legal, political, social services and wellness entities.

**Location.** Find a free location, preferably with handicap access, such as a place of worship, retirement home, library or community center. Set it up to enhance interaction and check the HVAC and acoustics in advance. Have a backup plan in the event the space becomes inaccessible (storms, flood, and blackout).

**Facilitator.** An energetic community organizer to do groundwork such as advertising the event, gathering volunteers, facility set up, arranging meals, clean up, etc.

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