# Get a Life Plan

# **Help Finding an Attorney**

## **Oregon State Bar**

All attorneys who are licensed to practice law in the state of Oregon are members of the Oregon State Bar. You can contact the Oregon State Bar Lawyer Referral Service to find an estate planning attorney or an elder law attorney in your local area. Call 503-684-3763 or visit the Oregon State Bar's website at <a href="https://www.osbar.org/public/ris/">https://www.osbar.org/public/ris/</a>.

# Ask for referrals from people you trust

If you work with an accountant or a financial advisor, it's a great idea to ask them for a referral to an estate planning attorney. You can also ask friends and family members if they have worked with an attorney they could recommend. Another great resource is attorneys in other practice areas. Even if an attorney doesn't practice estate planning, he or she may be able to recommend another attorney who does.

# **Legal Aid Services of Oregon – Senior Law Project**

Residents of Multnomah County who are seniors may qualify for a free consultation with an attorney through the Senior Law Project. Those with lower income and assets below a certain level may also qualify for free ongoing legal assistance. View their brochure here <u>Senior Law Project brochure</u> or you can call Legal Aid Services at (503) 224-4086.

#### **Local Senior Centers**

Many senior centers in Oregon provide legal clinics where you may be able to speak to an attorney for a free consultation. Check with the senior centers in your area to find out if they offer a legal clinic and to learn about the legal services offered.

### **Veterans Affairs (VA)**

Some VA facilities host legal clinics to provide legal assistance to veterans. Contact your local Veterans Service Office to find out if a legal clinic is offered in your area. Different clinics may offer different services, so you will want to ask if the clinic offers help with estate planning.

## **Employee Assistance Programs (EAP)**

Check with your employer to find out if they offer an Employee Assistance Program. Different Employee Assistance Programs may offer different services, so you will want to ask if your employer's program offers help with estate planning.

#### Unions

If you are a member of a union, check with your union to find out if they offer help with estate planning.

## Check online or in the phone book

Finally, you can use a search engine online or pick up a phone book to search for estate planning attorneys or elder law attorneys in your area.

