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"Helping Seniors Maintain their Quality of Life and Protect their Legacy"

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### **Stress Awareness Month**

April is recognized as National Stress Awareness Month to bring attention to the negative impact of stress. Managing stress is an essential component of a healthy lifestyle. Knowing how to manage stress can improve mental and physical well-being as well as minimize exacerbation of health-related issues.

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## Diana Discusses...

#### Financial Exploitation of a vulnerable adult.

We receive calls at Mangsen Law from friends and family members reporting that their loved one has been the victim of financial exploitation. Anger, outrage and disbelief are just some of the feelings that the callers express. They want to do something to help, and they don't know what to do. We offer the following suggestions to anyone who finds that a vulnerable friend or family member has been the victim of financial exploitation (improper taking of money/property):

1. Immediately call Adult Protective Services to report suspected abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation 1-800-96-ABUSE (1-800-962-2873) and report the same to the local police.

2. If your friend or family member has capacity but is a vulnerable adult, they can sue for undue influence and exploitation of a vulnerable adult because they have a cause of action against the perpetrator and may recover actual and punitive damages and they can sue for theft and they have a cause of action for threefold the actual damages, reasonable attorney's fees and court costs.

3. If the vulnerable adult is believed to have been incapacitated at the time of the transactions, an incapacity petition could be filed to determine your friend or family member's incapacity and extrapolate back to the date of the transactions and have an expert give an opinion that the victim was probably incapacitated at the time of the transactions. That would be evidence to use to unwind the transactions that were done.

4. Depending on the facts, perhaps claims for embezzlement, fraud, fraud in the inducement, misrepresentation, misappropriation, and a host of others could be made and proven to unwind transactions that took place and to hold the perpetrator accountable.

5. Using a Power of Attorney (POA) document does not in any way exempt a perpetrator who has committed any of these offenses.





### **Dolls for Sale**

A husband and wife had been married for 60 years and had no secrets except for one: The woman kept in her closet a shoe box that she forbade her husband from ever opening. But when she was on her deathbed—and with her blessing—he opened the box and found a crocheted doll and \$95,000 in cash.

"My mother told me that the secret to a happy marriage was to never argue," she explained. "Instead, I should keep quiet and crochet a doll."

Her husband was touched. Only one doll was in the box—that meant she'd been angry with him only once in 60 years. "But what about all this money?" he asked.

"Oh," she said, "that's the money I made from selling the dolls."



Although anyone can become dehydrated, older adults are at a greater risk. It's a serious condition that can be extremely dangerous for older adults. Reduce your risk for dehydration by drinking plenty of water throughout the day, including after exercise or other physical activities.









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