

# Providing the best quality of life requires informed decisions.

The best way to provide your special needs child with compassionate care and a comfortable life is to support your legal and financial decisions with reliable information and proven expertise. That's why America's finest disability attorneys have combined their talents to create the Special Needs Alliance.

As attorneys in the field of Disability and Public Benefits Law, we help to enhance your child's quality of life. Every member of the alliance has the resources and legal expertise to help you maintain public benefits for your child and develop effective estate plans that protect your assets.

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**The Special Needs Alliance is a national non-profit collective of attorneys dedicated to disability and public benefits law.** SNA member attorneys understand the difficulties of this area of law professionally and personally, as many are family members of individuals with special needs, or are active within the disability community.

Born out of a collective belief that individuals with special needs have a right to representation that considers the added dimension of their quality of life, the Special Needs Alliance works to protect the financial future of these individuals and their families.

## Helping Families, Helping Professionals

The SNA mission is twofold: assist clients in locating experienced disability and public benefits attorneys in their area, and we assist other professionals and settlement companies in personal injury and medical malpractice matters involving clients with special needs.

## Protecting Future

The Special Needs Alliance understands that disability and public benefits laws provide opportunities for abuse and mismanagement that may threaten the financial futures of individuals with special needs. These could include the loss of Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Section 8 Housing, and Medicaid. SNA member attorneys work to protect these assets and strive to ensure that all potential benefits remain available.

## Addressing the Spectrum of Need

### Professionals:

- Counsel about settlement terms
- Determine the necessity of a Special Needs Trust or Structured Settlement Annuity
- Securing and maintaining public benefits for a personal injury/medical malpractice victim

### Trust Drafting and Court and Governmental Approval:

- Drafting Special Needs Trusts
- Securing governmental approval of Special Needs Trusts
- Resolving third party and government claims and liens against settlement proceeds

### Families:

- Estate planning
- Drafting wills/trusts tailored for special needs
- Probate Court representation

### Public Benefits:

- Determining what public benefits are available to clients to help enhance their lives
- Explain to clients and families the operation of Special Needs Trusts and what expenses of the individual with a disability may be paid from the Special Needs Trust

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