



Attorneys for special needs planning.

We Are the SPECIAL NEEDS ALLIANCE®



The Special Needs Alliance® (SNA) is a national non-profit organization comprised of attorneys committed to the practice of disability law. Individuals with disabilities, their families, and advisors rely on the SNA to connect them with nearby attorneys who focus their practices in the disability law arena. SNA-member attorneys understand the challenges of this area of law, professionally and personally, as many have family members with special needs, or are active within the disability community.

Born in 2002 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 SNA works to protect the financial future of these individuals and their families.

» HELPING FAMILIES, HELPING PROFESSIONALS

The SNA mission is two-fold: we 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 FUTURES

SNA members understand 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 or reduction of Supplemental Security Income (SSI), subsidized 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 individuals with special needs regarding settlement terms
- Determine the necessity of a Special Needs Trust (SNT), structured settlement annuity or other trust instrument
- Secure and maintain public benefits for a person who has a disability as a result of personal injury/medical malpractice

Trust drafting and court and governmental approval:

- Draft SNTs
- Secure government approval of SNTs
- Resolve third-party and government claims and liens against settlement proceeds

Families:

- Estate planning
- Draft wills/trusts tailored for special needs
- Probate court representation

Public Benefits:

- Determine what public benefits are available to clients to help enhance their lives
- Explain to clients and families the operation of SNTs and what can be paid for on behalf of the beneficiary from the SNT

The best way to provide compassionate care and a comfortable life to your family member with special needs is to support your legal and financial decisions with reliable information and proven expertise. That's why America's finest disability attorneys are members of the Special Needs Alliance® (SNA).

As attorneys in the field of disability and public benefits law, we help to enhance your family member's quality of life. Every SNA member has the resources and legal expertise to help you maintain public benefits for your family member and develop effective estate plans and protect your assets.

Members of the Special Needs Alliance® (SNA) are available nationwide. Visit the [SNA website](#) to find a member in your area.



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