Allies in the Fight Against Elder Financial Abuse

The California Project
Who should the victim call?

1. Law Enforcement
2. Civil Attorney
3. Legal Services
4. Small Claims Court
5. Collaborative Medication
Law Enforcement

In California, law enforcement typically tells the victim,

“It’s a civil matter. Contact an attorney.”
Civil Attorneys

- Commercial predators litigation
- Trusts and Estate litigation
Commercial Predator Litigation

- Unsuitable annuities
- Reverse Mortgages
- Unsuitable financial transactions
- Unsuitable services
Trusts and Estates

- Trusts amendments
- Durable powers of attorney
- Will codicils
- Conservatorships
Legal Services

- Legal representation for adults over the age of 65
- Home visits to clients when necessary
- Education and referrals for additional services
- Will work with civil attorneys
California’s Small Claims Court

- Suing for less than $10,000
- Demand letter
- Filing the complaint
- Serving notice on the defendant
- Preparing for the hearing - Small claims court advisors
Collaborative Mediation

- Confidentiality
- Safety
- Transparency
- Communication