

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 referral s 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**