

Winston Pro Bono Hosts Planning Clinic for Low Income Seniors Impacted by Recent Housing Fire

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On April 23, 2019, Winston & Strawn's Washington, D.C. office hosted a Pro Bono Life Planning Clinic for elderly, low-income residents recently impacted by a local fire at a public housing facility that destroyed precious possessions and key legal documents. All volunteer lawyers first participated in a "nuts and bolts" training session to review the process for drafting wills, financial and health care powers of attorney, and Transfer on Death Deeds.

This legal clinic was impactful given the severity of the situation for many of the clients. Volunteer lawyers worked through the afternoon to draft vital documents and provide compassionate support to the clients served.

The legal intake and document drafting process ensures that seniors are able to designate who will make important financial and medical decisions on their behalf as they age. These key legal documents typically cost thousands of dollars in legal fees but were prepared at no cost for each pro bono client. After the final draft documents were ready for execution, a devoted team of staff members worked collaboratively to witness, notarize, and copy the final form documents. Each client left with a smile, sharing words of sincere thanks.

The team of Winston attorney volunteers included, Bryant Gardner, Charlie Papavizas, JC Masullo, Ruth Wimer, Greg McConnell, and Tara Moss.



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