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Medicare: Acute Care, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Home Health Services, Hospice

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Medicare Overlap with Medi-Cal

Discharge Planning, Patient Rights, Appeals

MEDI-CAL FOR LONG-TERM CARE

Eligibility

Medi-Cal Planning (includes Transfers of Resources vs. Spend-down)

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Conservator of the Person

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ELDER ABUSE, FAMILY & FUTURE ISSUES

Elder Abuse – How to Identify It and What to Do to Prevent It

Options in Housing for Seniors Needing Care

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Prior to her current elder law and estate planning practice, her experience includes providing quality legal services to elders as supervising/staff attorney at Senior Adults Legal Assistance (SALA) and court-appointed work in family court. Ms. Thorp taught law students at Santa Clara University School of Law's community-based civil law clinic; worked at the Santa Clara County Superior Court Self-Help Center and Restraining Order Help Center and as a Mental Health Hearing Officer.

She is an active member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA) and California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform (CANHR). She is co-chairperson of the Elder Abuse Task Force of Santa Clara County and has been dedicated to elder abuse prevention, advocacy and education for over 30 years. Ms. Thorp graduated from UCLA School of Law and grew up in Santa Clara, attending college at San Jose State University.

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