



Elder Court Procedure

- **Get Court Forms**

Available at Spinetta Law Center
751 Pine Street, Martinez
Open 8am - 1pm, Monday through Friday
925-957-7947
Or download at www.cc-courts.org

- **Assistance with Filling Out Forms**

Senior Self-Help Clinic at Spinetta Law Center
Available 9am - noon every Tuesday
The Senior Self-Help Center is staffed by experienced attorneys providing free assistance and referrals for a wide variety of legal claims and helps prepare elders for hearings. Free Spanish translation service.

- **Filing Forms**

Take forms to Wakefield Taylor Courthouse
725 Court Street, Martinez - 3rd Floor. Then file forms with the clerk on the 1st floor. At this time a future court date will be given.

- **Elder Court**

1:30 pm on Wednesdays
The elder court Program goes further than familiar formal courts. It handles every possibly kind of elder-related case: criminal, conservatorships, probate, financial abuse, physical abuse, civil cases, evictions, restraining orders, small claims and more. It also provides a Senior Peer Counseling program; volunteers who are available during every court session to support petitioners through the process. They will meet with seniors before the hearing; tell them where they are going to sit before they are called, what papers to show the judge and when to speak.

After the hearing, they will make reassurance calls to see that the elder understood what happened. A lot of times, when an elder is self-represented, they have no idea what has happened when they receive the order, so there are services offered through every step of the process.