

**Philadelphia, PA, June 24, 2019— SeniorLAW Center** announces a ribbon cutting, and opening of our new Chester county office, marking World Elder Abuse Awareness month. June is a time when communities and leaders around the globe honor World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (June 15th), now a month of activities to raise awareness and develop responses to this national and global legal and health crisis, an affront to human rights in our community and around the world.

SeniorLAW Center is proud to have led, spoken and/or participated in a month of activities to mark this important and historic time of year. We fight elder abuse and exploitation every day. Join us in this work with a ribbon cutting and wine and cheese event on Wednesday, June 26 at 5 p.m. at 780 E. Market Street, Suite 260, West Chester, PA. Free parking is available. This event signifies the opening of SeniorLAW's fifth office in Pennsylvania.

Founded in 1978, SeniorLAW Center is a nonprofit public interest law organization serving over 5,000 older Pennsylvanians each year. SeniorLAW Center provides free legal services to Pennsylvanians, age 60 or older, conducts outreach events throughout the Commonwealth, and holds educational programs at community and senior centers. SeniorLAW Center runs the only statewide legal HelpLine for older people: (877)-727-7529.

2.9 million Pennsylvanians are 60 and older; almost 25% of its population. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest percentage of seniors in the country. In Chester County, 15.7% of the population is age 65 and over, an 18% increase since 2012. The number of reports to the Older Adult Protective Services in PA increased from 24,413 in 2015 to 32,253 in 2017. In that same time period, the number of reports in Chester County went from 665 to 894. SeniorLAW Center is the only non-profit agency in PA whose sole focus is providing legal assistance to older people and protecting their legal rights – and it's one of the few such agencies in the US.

SeniorLAW Center in Chester County seeks justice for older Pennsylvanians by helping them to:

- Obtain help and protection from elder abuse
- Avoid or respond to consumer and financial exploitation
- Avoid home repair/contractor/IRS/gift card/insurance fraud and phone scams
- Be heard by legislators and the justice system

Speaking at SeniorLAW Center's ribbon cutting are Judge Paula Francisco Ott, Pennsylvania Superior Court and Mayor Dianne Herrin of West Chester. Also attending will be members of Chester County's bench and bar, members of partner eldercare organizations, local state representatives, and other dignitaries, along with SeniorLAW Center attorneys and staff. Kindly RSVP to 610-910-0204.

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