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Los Angeles-Based Elder Abuse Advocacy Group ICARED Launching New Website

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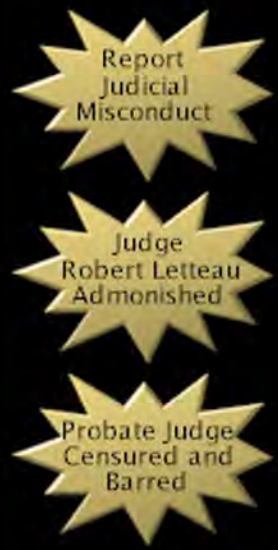
LOS ANGELES, CA (PRWEB) May 4, 2004—ICARED (Improved Court Access & Reform for Elders & Dependent Adults)—a public-interest organization advocating on behalf of California’s vulnerable, increasingly abused seniors and dependent adults—today announced the launch of its new website. The website, at www.ICared.org, will help further ICARED’s mission to strengthen the civil protections guaranteed to California’s abused seniors and dependent adults and to expose and reform a dysfunctional probate court system that often facilitates abuse.

The ICARED website serves as a valuable resource guide to the following:

- Evidence of judicial misconduct in elder and dependent adult abuse cases
- Evidence of vindictive probate court judges who abuse their power and try to blackball and silence critics of judicial failures
- ICARED-proposed bills in the California Legislature
- Personal stories about actual abuse victims
- California legislators committed to protecting abuse victims
- News reporters who cover elder abuse and legal issues
- Relevant news articles on elder abuse
- ICARED public message board to discuss the failure of the probate courts to protect abuse victims who have small or modest estates

“The aging of the baby boom population in the United States is leading to an explosive growth in the number of elderly, vulnerable Californians and therefore in the incidence of financial elder abuse,” said Glenn Ackerman, a co-chair of ICARED and retired Los Angeles Police

“When...I discovered that my mother’s life savings had been stolen by a relative, my life changed in an instant. For the next five years...my life’s work was protecting her and what remained of her estate from a determined, cunning, and resourceful predator...I emerged from the five-year ordeal profoundly disappointed and disillusioned with our judicial system.”
 —Glenn R. Ackerman, Ex-LAPD captain and co-founder of LAPD’s Elder Abuse Unit



co-chair of ICARED and retired Los Angeles Police Department captain who co-founded LAPD's elder abuse unit. "Financial elder abuse in California will impoverish a growing number of vulnerable seniors, leaving them dependent on publicly funded programs for survival. California will therefore face a financial disruption of epidemic proportions unless we address the growing public crisis and restore the probate courts' accessibility as a place where justice really can be obtained."

ICARED is launching its website to address this public crisis and to help protect seniors and dependent adults who are falling victim to not only litigious predators who manipulate the probate conservatorship system but also lazy, impatient, and irritable probate judges who unwittingly help perpetuate the abuse.

About ICARED:

ICARED (Improved Court Access & Reform for Elders & Dependent Adults) is a public-interest advocacy group of elder care advocates, providers, family members, health care personnel, and legal professionals who are steadfastly dedicated to strengthening and reforming the civil protections guaranteed to California's vulnerable seniors and dependent adults.

Loopholes and weaknesses in these protections are allowing for an alarming increase in abuse and neglect. Exploiting mental and physical vulnerabilities of elderly and dependent Californians, predators manipulate the conservatorship system and some probate judges, often with the assistance of counsel. These acts and deficiencies impoverish victims and leave them dependent on publicly funded programs for basic survival.

With firsthand experience of this systematic victimization of some of California's most vulnerable citizens, Los Angeles-based ICARED is committed to reform through public education, legislative action, and judicial reforms.

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