

## SUMMARY OF SERVICES

Every day, growing older means more complications. Suddenly, you must deal with new rules, new bureaucracies, and new problems. You are faced with making difficult decisions about your future financial and health care needs.

The Nelson-Reade Law Office is a law firm that is prepared to help you in a caring, compassionate, and respectful manner. Our mission is to help navigate the life decisions, legal issues, and other challenges that are unique to older individuals, people with disabilities, and their families. At Nelson-Reade Law Office, we can support you through difficult and uncertain times today, while helping you plan for a smoother, safer, more financially secure tomorrow.

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*Legal services in a caring and respectful manner  
since 1994*

- ◆ **LONG TERM CARE PLANNING** - Protect your assets from excessive long term care costs.
- ◆ **ESTATE PLANNING** for all ages - (Wills, Trusts, Financial and Health Care Powers of Attorney/Advance Directives).
- ◆ **MAINECARE** - Full representation to help you qualify for MaineCare assistance and help preserve your assets.
- ◆ **PROBATES** - Guiding you through the process during a difficult time.
- ◆ **SPECIAL NEEDS TRUSTS** for disabled children and adults.
- ◆ **VA BENEFITS FOR AID AND ATTENDANCE** - Receive extra income to pay for personal care services in home or in a facility.
- ◆ **GUARDIANSHIP/CONSERVATORSHIPS**  
Know how to avoid them and what to do when they cannot be avoided.
- ◆ **SETTLEMENT PLANNING/INHERITANCE**  
Maintain public benefits while enhancing your life with settlement proceeds or an inheritance.
- ◆ **ESTATE/INHERITANCE TAXES** - Minimize taxes for your heirs.
- ◆ **DISABILITY BENEFITS** - Obtain secure income for the most difficult times.
- ◆ **NURSING HOMES** - Understand admission agreements and financial, medical and legal rights of residents and their families.
- ◆ **TRUST ADMINISTRATION** - Full representation to fiduciaries administering trusts.
- ◆ **SENIOR LIVING** - evaluation of living arrangements and contracts.
- ◆ **FIDUCIARY SERVICES** - legal counsel for powers of attorney, personal representatives and trustees and serving as fiduciary as needed.

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**Elder Law**  
**Estate Planning**  
**Special Needs Planning**



**Navigating the legal issues unique to seniors,  
people with disabilities, and their families.**

### *Patricia Nelson-Reade, R.N.*

**Patricia Nelson-Reade** dedicates her practice to elder law, with particular emphasis on trust, estate and tax planning, long term care planning, planning for persons with special needs, and personal injury settlement management. In her over twenty years of practice in the area of elder law, Patti is well known for her novel and unique solutions to each client's particular situation.

Patti is a certified elder law attorney by the National Elder Law Foundation (CELA), and is also a member of the Special Needs Alliance, the premiere national organization of select lawyers working on special needs planning for disabled individuals and their families. Since 2007 Patti has been selected by her peers for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America. She has also been recognized as a "super lawyer" by the New England Super Lawyers publication for her work in elder law since 2007, and in 2009, she was named as one of the top 50 women lawyers in New England. In 2010, Patricia was named in the Inaugural Edition of the U.S. News Best Lawyers, Best Law Firms, again in the area of elder law.

Patti graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from the University of North Florida and enjoyed being a nurse for seven years before deciding to attend law school. Patti graduated first in her class from the University of Maine School of Law in 1988, where she was editor-in-chief of the Maine Law Review. After graduation from law school, Patti was selected for a clerkship to the Maine Supreme Judicial Court.

Patti is a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, Maine Elder Law Section of the Maine Bar Association, the Special Needs Alliance and the Maine Estate Planning Council. When not advocating for the needs of her clients, Patti enjoys traveling, biking, long walks on the beach, and spending time with her husband and three children.

### *Kate Geoffroy*

**Kate Geoffroy** dedicates her practice to elder law and estate planning, including guardianships, conservatorships, Medicaid planning, long term care planning, and probate matters. Katie enjoys working closely with her clients to ease them through often complicated and difficult issues, and has a special interest in helping families resolve disputed issues without judicial intervention.

Prior to joining the firm, Katie was an attorney with Pierce Atwood for 15 years, where she practiced in the firm's environmental law department. Katie holds a B.S. degree in Biology from Yale University (1980) and a J.D. cum laude (1988) from Boston College Law School, where she was an editor of the Boston College Law Review. After graduating from law school, Katie received the high honor of being selected for clerkship with Chief Justice Vincent McKusick of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court.

Katie is a member of the Elder Law Section of the Maine Bar Association and the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. She speaks often to community groups on issues concerning estate and long term care planning.

Katie enjoys spending time with her family in her off the grid camp in northern Maine, cross-country skiing, and adding humor and wit to all that she does.

### *Jennifer Frank*

**Jennifer Frank** practices in the area of elder law, including estate and long term care planning, Medicaid planning, personal injury settlement management, and probate. Jennifer has a special interest in advocating for the needs and interests of her clients, whether by appealing denials of MaineCare, handling contested probate matters, or protecting her clients from possible abuse.

Prior to joining the firm, Jennifer was the managing attorney of a mass tort/complex litigation firm, where she practiced for 15 years primarily representing individuals harmed by unsafe prescription drugs.

Jennifer received her bachelor's degree from Boston University (1987) and her juris doctorate from Golden Gate University School of Law (1992) where she was a member of and published in the Golden Gate Law Review.

Jennifer chairs the litigation committee of the Maine Bar Association's Elder Law Section. She is also a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, and the Maine Trial Lawyer's Association.

Jennifer lives in Pownal, Maine with her husband and two lively sons. When not advocating for her clients, she enjoys mountain biking, hiking and wilderness camping.



**HOME VISITS  
AND  
HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE**