

Conservatorships and the Aging Population

The number of conservatorships among older Americans is increasing in California. Older adults, particularly those suffering from cognitive disabilities, are very susceptible to abuse under a conservatorship.

In the past decade, many cases of elder abuse in conservatorships have come to light. From predatory criminals who become guardians in order to steal an older person's money and property, to estranged children seeking to take all of their parents' assets, elder abuse cases affect both famous and average Americans. In fact, **we don't even know the extent of how many elders are abused by their conservators.**

Articles on elder abuse by conservators

How the elderly lose their rights, *New Yorker*

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Peter Max's story >>

The extraordinary internationally recognized artist has been under an abusive guardianship by a professional who is not allowing regular and complete access by his own children.

Nichelle Nichols' story >>

The "Star Trek" actress who played Lt. Uhura is conserved by her son, who is accused of financial abuse and isolating his mother from her friends and supporters.

Panel on conservatorship abuse among the elderly >>

Money draining probate system like a plague on our senior citizens, *Orange Country Register* >>

More information to prevent or expose elder abuse by conservators

Elder Justice Toolkit, National Center on

Law & Elder Rights >>

Conservatorship Defense Guide CANHR >>

**2021 National Guardianship Summit,
American Bar Association >>**

**Power of Attorney Tip Sheet – Five
Safeguards to Consider Adding to Any Power
of Attorney for Finances, American Bar
Association >>**

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