

## HOW TO ADDRESS ELDER ABUSE AND FRAUD

Attorney Frank Johns was recently featured on Charlotte Today discussing the signs of elder abuse. Below are the key takeaways from the interview and steps you can take to prevent abuse.

Awareness is critical. Many people do not realize the large amount of fraud that takes place with the elderly. Here are some warning signs that abuse may be happening:

- You are unable to speak with your elderly parent
- You can no longer visit them regularly
- A caregiver or companion starts assisting your elderly parent with their banking
- An elderly parent has been receiving predatory fraudulent phone calls or seem to be buying new and random things via phone

Especially if you see these occurring consistently, it is time to address the situation. Talk with your elderly family member directly and compassionately. Do not be condescending, but take action.

If you feel the situation borders on criminality, contact the local law enforcement authorities or the attorney general's consumer protection section listed below.

North Carolina Attorney General's Office  
Consumer Protection Section  
Post Office Box 629  
Raleigh, NC 27602  
919-716-6000

## The Science of Wisdom

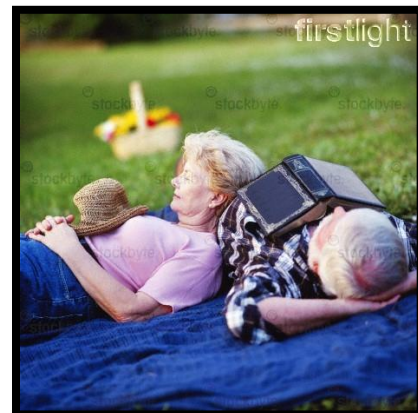
What is wisdom? It seems wisdom has the power to lessen anxiety, illuminate patterns, build stronger relationships, and bring meaning to the experience of aging.

A recent *New York Times* article offers fascinating insight into the concept of wisdom and the role it plays in the lives of older adults. Phyllis Korkki, a *Times* editor, spoke with psychologists, neuroscientists, sociologists, and therapists about this elusive concept. She found that wisdom is **as important to successful aging** as it is **rare to find in its purest form**.

According to Korkki's reporting, there are many ways to define wisdom. One foundational text defined wisdom in terms of three necessary components in decision-making, namely **cognition, reflection, and compassion**.

Another definition includes five components: **self-insight, personal growth, self-awareness** in the context of family and world history; **awareness of life's ambiguities**, and understanding that **priorities and values are not absolute**.

Read more of the article at [www.nc-law.com/](http://www.nc-law.com/) and click Blog.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS - APRIL

### MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERY

GREENSBORO, NC

APRIL 9

Staff from Booth Harrington & Johns will be delivering meals to people in need through the Meals On Wheels Association of America.

### OPEN HOUSE & BEYOND THE CANVAS EXHIBIT

NEW ARC OF GREENSBORO, 14-B OAK BRANCH DR., GREENSBORO, NC

APRIL 15, 4:00PM-5:00PM

The Academy of Special Needs Planners consists of special needs planning professionals such as attorneys, financial planners and trust officers that assist them in providing high quality service and advice to persons with special needs and their families.

### TRIAD RETIREMENT LIVING ASSOCIATION - SPRING SOCIAL

TRIPP'S RESTAURANT, 1605 HWY. BLVD., GREENSBORO, NC

APRIL 15, 4:30 PM

TRLA be at Tripp's Restaurant with lots of appetizers to enjoy, and a cash bar – \$5 Martini Specials. There will be door prizes as well. Come out and make great connection, build your network.

### SENIOR WHEELS' 2014 SPAGHETTI DINNER

CHRIST METHODIST CHURCH, GREENSBORO, NC

APRIL 25, 7:00PM-8:00PM

Contact Paultette from Senior Resources of Guilford at 336-373-4826 for more information.

### QUESTIONS / COMMENTS

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