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ADD A LITTLE COMPASSION TO YOUR TAX SEASON

Happy March Everyone! Spring is here, which means so is tax season. Like most things in life the best results are achieved when you set a plan in motion ahead of time.

Whether your loved one is in the early stages of their diagnosis, or they have to begin making important long-term decisions about their finances

and health, it's important to figure a plan out as early as possible.

You'll always face a consequence when you wait too long to take action. Just like filing your taxes.

It's worth finding out what is available for your loved one.

Do this by calling our office to make an appointment with us

at **404-370-0696**. Set a plan in motion that will best protect your loved one's life's work in a way that will do the most good.

To Your Health And Happiness,

Victoria L. Collier

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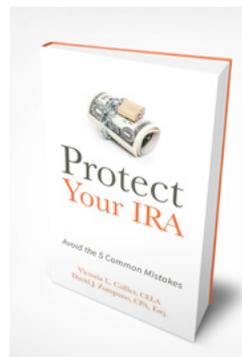
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Our very own Best-Selling Author Victoria Collier has the perfect book to help you get through tax season.

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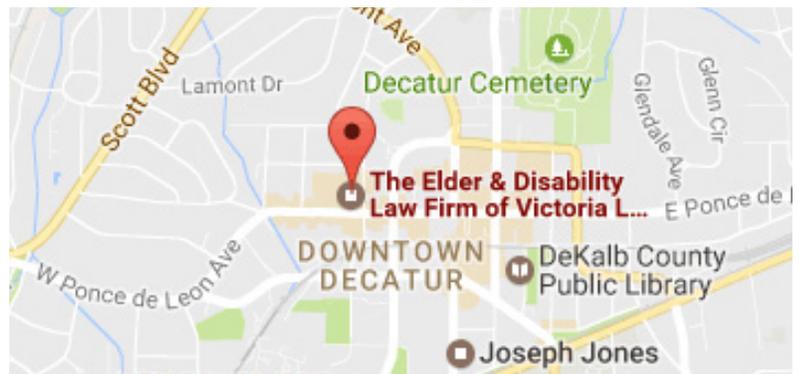
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Staff Spotlight : Kimberly Partain

Please join us in welcoming our new attorney Kimberly Murphree Partain, Esq. to The Elder & Disability Law Firm Family.

“You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view ... until you climb into his skin and walk around in it.”

– Atticus Finch, *To Kill A Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

Kimberly is a Senior Associate Attorney with 14 years of experience in elder law and estate planning. She was born and raised in Gwinnett County, Georgia. When Kimberly was a young child, her maternal grandmother was placed in a State nursing home too far from her family and passed away alone before her family could get to her. That memory lingered throughout Kimberly’s childhood. It was in the 9th grade, after reading *To Kill a Mockingbird*, that she knew she wanted to become an attorney. In law school, Kimberly joined the Elder Law Legal Clinic and discovered all of the resources out there for the elderly and disabled. From then forward, she knew that assisting families through life’s transitions was her calling.

At the start of Kimberly’s career, she worked for Legal Services Alabama as the Elder Law Attorney for the Central Alabama Area Agency on Aging, before going into private practice. This afforded her the amazing opportunity to represent elderly clients with good nursing home placement, medical treatment, and protection from ongoing abuse

and neglect. After her second daughter was born, she opened her own elder care firm and became

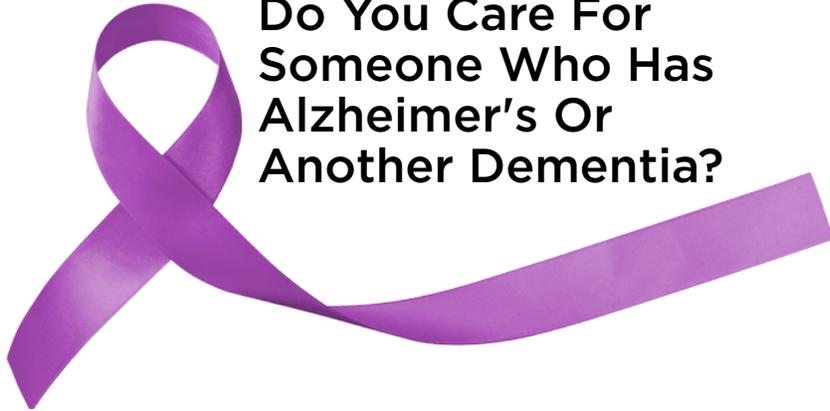
a Guardian ad Litem in the Probate Court representing seniors with Medicaid applications, guardianships, conservatorships and probate matters for several years. Then, Kimberly worked for Victoria as a Legal Trainer for the national organization, Lawyers with Purpose, that Victoria Co-Founded. Most recently, Kimberly transitioned into the role of Senior Associate Attorney at The Elder & Disability Law Firm of Victoria L. Collier, PC.

Kimberly is an Ambassador for the National Alzheimer’s Association, and was actively involved in lobbying the US House of Representatives and Senate to get the Hope for Alzheimer’s Act unanimously signed into law. As her own paternal grandmother suffers from the disease, it is her personal passion to do all she can to make sure we find a cure so other families do not have the same struggles.

Kimberly is the mother of two wonderful young girls who she raises with her husband (also an attorney) and they spend all their spare time driving to events. Kimberly loves baking and cake decorating, and you can find her every Saturday in the fall tailgating at the UGA football games with her family and friends.



Do You Care For Someone Who Has Alzheimer's Or Another Dementia?



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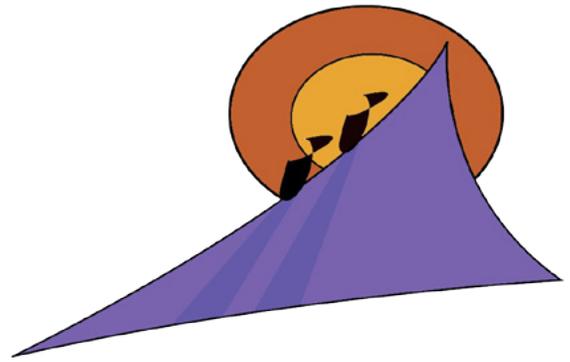
Visit our website for practical resources and insights you can use to improve life post-diagnosis for you and your loved one.

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The Purple Sherpa is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the caregiver of a loved one who is living with Alzheimer's or another type of dementia.



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Daphne C. Reilly

Purple Sherpa Board
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Collier Law Client Services
Coordinator

We're dedicated to serving your family, and seniors across the country. Our very own Daphne Reilly serves on the board of the Purple Sherpa to advocate and provide support to the caregivers of seniors afflicted with Alzheimer's disease.

IN THEIR WORDS

"They are competent and thorough while not pressuring the client. Ms. Collier and staff- especially legal secretary Daphne Reilly- are friendly and supportive, eager to be sure to cover all matters carefully, fully open to questions and requests for and modifications of draft documents. It was a pleasure (at times even fun!) to work with them on understanding legal points and determining the final text of documents."

-James B.

Georgia Governor Deal's 2017 Budget Is Helpful For Seniors

The Necessary funding for our seniors is almost here!

So, how does the increased budget affect you and the future of your loved ones?

Atlanta, GA – Georgia Governor Nathan listened to the voices and concerns of our 1.3 million seniors, when he enacted a new path to fund Home and Community Based Services. Governor Deal's proposal allocates \$4.2 million in new funding for a program critical to maintaining the quality of life of our elder loved ones.

Funding for the HCBS covers

adult day care, respite care, home modifications, and home-delivered meals.

Deal also set aside \$750,000 specifically to go toward providing meals for the 11th fastest growing senior population in the U.S.

There are close to 10,000 names of seniors who are currently on the waiting list to receive these home modifications.

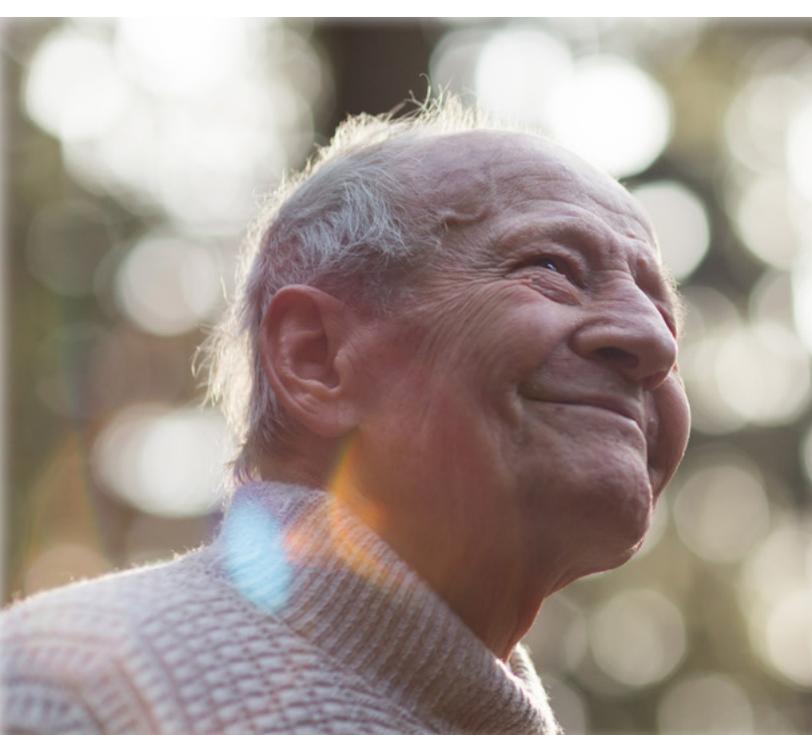
Rest easier knowing that there your loved one will eat a meal or be able to comfortably get around their own home with handrails preventing a nasty



spill. Maintain routines, and enjoy the prepared meals that get delivered to your doorstep.

Help the people you love the most through life's toughest moments. We're here to help make your life easier, and bring you and your loved ones confidence and security.

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