



## News for Immediate Release

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### **Pennsylvania Courts Launch Effort to Protect Older Adults from Financial Exploitation**

**HARRISBURG** – Committed to protecting Pennsylvania’s most vulnerable citizens, the Pennsylvania Courts today released a new video aimed at protecting older adults from financial scams and exploitation.

The video titled “[Elder Abuse: Financial Exploitation and How Pennsylvanians Can Stay Safe](#),” is being released during the court’s recognition of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day and features a panel of experts from Pennsylvania’s [Advisory Council on Elder Justice in the Courts](#) including:

**Judge Sheila Woods-Skipper**, Administrative Judge, Orphans’ Court Division, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas; Vice Chair, Advisory Council on Elder Justice in the Courts

Panelists:

**Secretary Jason Kavulich**, Pennsylvania Department of Aging; Member, Advisory Council on Elder Justice in the Courts

**Bill Johnston-Walsh**, State Director, AARP Pennsylvania; Member, Advisory Council on Elder Justice in the Courts

**Karen Buck, Esq.**, Executive Director, SeniorLAW Center; Member, Advisory Council on Elder Justice in the Courts

**Elizabeth Schneider, Esq.**, Chief Deputy Attorney General, Elder Exploitation Section, Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General; Representative Attendee, Advisory Council on Elder Justice in the Courts

**Robert Campbell**, Office of Elder Justice in the Courts, Administrative Offices of Pennsylvania Courts

**David Shallcross**, Director, Senior Protection Unit, Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General  
Representative Attendee, Advisory Council on Elder Justice in the Courts

**Christina Kotsalos**, Director, Investor Education and Consumer Outreach Office, Pennsylvania Department of Banking and Securities

During the discussion, members of the panel work to educate about how to recognize scams and avoid financial exploitation, how to respond if victimized and where and how to report incidents of abuse.

More information about the Pennsylvania Courts Office of Elder Justice in the Courts including resources to protect older Pennsylvania’s from abuse, is available on its [website](#), [Facebook](#), [X](#) and [Instagram](#).

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