

# ANNOUNCING A FREE ZOOM SERIES FOR DEMENTIA PROVIDERS, CAREGIVERS AND LEGAL PROFESSIONALS

National legal expert, David Godfrey, J.D., a Senior Attorney with the American Bar Association Commission on Law and Aging, Washington D.C., will be presenting a 2-part webinar series for Hawaii to address important legal and ethical issues of concern for persons living with dementia. This will be beneficial for anyone providing social, legal or healthcare services for older people, or anyone concerned about planning or caring for someone at risk for or with cognitive impairment.

## ***Working Together to Empower and Protect Persons Living with Dementia***

### ***PART 1: Wednesday, January 20, 10-11:30am*** **Using Decision Supports to Engage and Empower Persons Living with Dementia**

*Overview of Dementia and its Causes; the Importance of an Early and Accurate Diagnosis; Protecting the Rights of a Person with Dementia; Supported Decision-Making; Balancing Empowerment and the Progressive Nature of Dementia*

### ***PART 2: Wednesday, February 3, 10-11:30am*** **Adult Abuse: Risks for Persons Living with Dementia**

*COVID-19 and Abuse; Types of Abuse (financial abuse and exploitation, emotional/psychological, neglect/self-neglect, sexual, warning signs); Adult Protective Services; Elder Justice Act; Resources and Training; Hawaii laws, statutes and definitions*

**Please register for one or both sessions at this Eventbrite link**  
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but a Certificate of Attendance will be provided to those who need it.



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**David Godfrey** is a senior attorney at the ABA Commission on Law and Aging in Washington DC. He is responsible for the ABA's role in the Administration on Aging funded National Center on Law and Elder Rights. Prior to joining the Commission, he was responsible for elder law programming at the Access to Justice Foundation in Kentucky and served as a consultant trainer for the AARP Foundation. He does research and training on legal issues in aging, with a focus on planning for incapacity, understanding legal capacity, elder abuse prevention, intervention and remediation, decision supports, legal ethics, and guardianship reform. He has prepared and presented training in 31 states and internationally.

He is a former board member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys – and was named a Fellow of the Academy in 2019. He serves on the advisory council for Dementia Friendly America. He has been a volunteer for the Alzheimer's Association, hospice and numerous community service agencies. He has reviewed contract or grant proposal for the Administration for Community Living.

His interest in helping persons and families living with dementia started as a family caregiver first for a grandfather, then grandmother, and later with his own mother.

Mr. Godfrey earned his B.A. with honors at Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida, and his J.D. *cum laude* from the University of Louisville School of Law in Kentucky. He is licensed to practice law in Kentucky and is a licensed real estate broker in Florida.