

# Beware of Estate Planning Fraud

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Estate planning seminars, direct mail advertisements, even telemarketers often promise a one-size-fits-all type of estate planning building on a standard living trust that's easy to set up as a "fix it and forget it until you need it" trust. Often the "salespeople" move throughout the State of Washington and say they work with an attorney. In reality the attorney is only a figure head and is not involved in writing the trust documents.

Some of these fraudulent companies have names similar to that of the American Association of Retired People (AARP) or other trusted organization, which could dupe the elderly into thinking the company is trustworthy and legitimate.

BEWARE of these scammers. Trusts can be complicated to set up and each trust is absolutely individual to the person, their needs, assets and goals. Only a qualified estate planning attorney can ensure that your trust is set up according to the laws in Washington.

If you or your loved one wishes to set up a trust, call experienced Tacoma elder law attorney Darol Tuttle. Attorney Tuttle understands the nuances of planning for long-term care. He can help you make a thorough plan to give you peace of mind. Contact us today at **253-272-1904** **begin\_of\_the\_skype\_highlighting 253-272-1904 end\_of\_the\_skype\_highlighting** or by email at [info@daroltuttle.com](mailto:info@daroltuttle.com).