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Department of Elder Affairs Sponsors Legal Education Efforts During Elder Law Month, Older Americans Month

TALLAHASSEE – In recognition that May is Elder Law Month and Older Americans Month, the Florida Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) is sponsoring local legal service providers to host consumer educational events throughout the state. The purpose of the events is to educate seniors about their legal rights and protections. The free events, which are expected to reach hundreds of older Floridians and their families, will focus on consumer law topics and gives older adults the opportunity to meet with their local legal service providers to learn about resources available to them.

In total, DOEA is sponsoring 22 legal education events across the state. “We are proud to sponsor these community education events that provide seniors with important legal resources,” said Department of Elder Affairs Secretary Richard Prudom. “It is essential that older Floridians know their rights as consumers so that they can continue to live independently and live well.”

These free community education events will begin in May and continue through mid-June. For more information on the community education event happening near you, contact your local legal service provider or your Area Agency on Aging.

“For the past nine years, the Department has supported an annual statewide consumer legal education initiative,” said State Legal Services Developer, Sarah Halsell, Esq. “These events reach hundreds of seniors each year and provide needed information and connections to legal resources in their communities. These events also serve to deepen connections between traditional aging providers and legal providers, which improves access to justice for the most vulnerable older adults around the state.”

To learn more about these events, please visit <http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/doesa/press/2019/2019-Legal-Education-Events.pdf>

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The Department of Elder Affairs, the State Unit on Aging, helps Florida’s elders to remain healthy, safe, and independent. For more information, please visit elderaffairs.org.