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Christopher P. Young, Esq.

Christopher P. Young, an attorney with The Alvarez Firm, focuses on elder law, estate planning, probate and trust administration. Mr. Young's unique expertise in elder law includes Medi-Cal and Veterans Pension planning to address the high costs of long-term care, special needs trusts for those with a disabled family member, conservatorships (and robust powers of attorney that can help avoid the need for conservatorship), and other legal tools vital to ensuring that families are protected during a period of medical crisis or incapacity. Mr. Young is one of the few experts currently addressing these highly specialized, vital areas of law in Ventura County and the Conejo Corridor.

Mr. Young's expertise includes conservatorships, where the probate court appoints an individual to protect the person or estate of a vulnerable person; special needs trusts used by families seeking to provide for a disabled loved one without risking the loss of that person's means-tested public benefits; and robust powers of attorney for financial and medical decisions that enable families to assist an incapacitated person with as little court involvement as possible. He also has expertise in probate and trust administration – particularly where there are business assets or one or more disabled beneficiaries involved.

Accredited as an attorney by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Mr. Young advises clients regarding pension benefits that may be available to veterans, or to surviving spouses of veterans, who are disabled or over the age of 65 and meet other eligibility requirements. His focus on serving the needs of veterans helps ensure that they receive the benefits they have earned and deserve.

Because of his expertise, a consultation with Mr. Young can often provide hope for families strapped by the significant costs of long-term care, or who see the potential for such costs on the horizon.

Prior to joining The Alvarez Firm, Mr. Young practiced law in Lake Oswego, Oregon, and Farmington Hills, Michigan, where he focused on elder law, estate planning, trust administration, probate, and related litigation. He gained valuable insight into the practical effects of good estate and disability planning while working as a financial advisor with both Merrill Lynch and Morgan Stanley.

Mr. Young earned his Bachelor's degree at Christendom College in Front Royal, Virginia, and his Juris Doctor from Ave Maria School of Law in Ann Arbor, Michigan. While studying law, Mr. Young worked as an extern for Hon. Henry W. Saad of the Michigan Court of Appeals and as a summer intern with the Thomas More Society in Chicago, where he assisted with a successful appeal before the Supreme Court of the United States.