Hughey Law Firm Surpasses 1,000 Elder Abuse Cases Resolved in South Carolina Since 2007

The firm has reached a milestone in nursing home and assisted living neglect litigation, reflecting two decades of advocacy for residents across the state.



CHARLESTON, SC, UNITED STATES, September 29, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Since opening in 2007, Hughey Law Firm has resolved more than 1,000 elder abuse and nursing home neglect cases in South Carolina. This milestone reflects the scale of the problem and the number of families the firm has represented over nearly two decades.

Founded and led by Attorney Nathan Hughey, the firm focuses its practice on elder abuse, nursing home negligence, and assisted living facility neglect. Over 70%t of the firm's caseload consists of claims on behalf of residents harmed in long-term care settings across South Carolina, including facilities in Charleston, Columbia, Greenville, and Myrtle Beach.

This announcement coincides with a period of heightened public and regulatory attention on long-term care facility standards in South Carolina. The state's growing older adult population has increased the demand for institutional care and the scrutiny of how that care is delivered.

What More Than 1,000 Cases Represent
Hughey was direct in characterizing what the number represents.
"Each one means a family walked into a South Carolina facility expecting their mother or father to be cared for and found out otherwise. We have done this work since we opened our doors, and we keep doing it because these facilities count on no one looking closely."

Hughey Law Firm has resolved cases involving various types of harm, including pressure ulcers that progressed to life-threatening stages, malnutrition and dehydration resulting from inadequate monitoring and staffing, medication errors, falls caused by failing to implement

required safety plans, incidents of wandering and elopement in memory care settings, and sexual and physical abuse by facility staff.

Past results do not guarantee future outcomes. Each case is unique and depends on its own facts, applicable law, and other circumstances.

The Broader Context in South Carolina

South Carolina's population of nursing homes and assisted living facilities has grown steadily alongside the state's older adult demographic. The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control licenses and inspects long-term care facilities across the state, and investigates complaints from residents and families. Federal data from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services consistently documents deficiency citations at a significant percentage of South Carolina's licensed nursing facilities each year.

> More than a thousand of these cases have ended in a verdict or a settlement, and not one of them was a number I was glad to reach."
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> *Nathan Hughey, Founding Attorney of Hughey Law Firm*

Advocacy organizations and elder law practitioners have noted that many families still face significant barriers when reporting and pursuing nursing home neglect claims. Residents with cognitive impairment are often unable to describe what happened to them. Families who voice concerns to facilities often receive explanations attributing deterioration to natural aging rather than preventable neglect. The regulatory process, while important, does not hold facilities accountable for the harm they have caused individual residents.

Civil litigation pursued with the help of attorneys who understand the clinical and regulatory standards applicable to long-term care has been one of the more consistent mechanisms for producing accountability that extends beyond facility-level corrective action plans.

About Hughey Law Firm

Nathaniel Hughey founded the firm in Charleston in 2007, focusing on elder abuse and nursing home negligence litigation. Prior to representing families in these cases, Hughey spent years

defending nursing facilities. This experience informs the firm's investigative approach and understanding of how facilities document, defend, and sometimes conceal lapses in care.



The firm represents families throughout South Carolina and has an office in Charleston. Personal injury attorneys from other practice areas refer nursing home and elder abuse cases to the firm because of its concentrated experience in this area of litigation.

Families seeking information about potential nursing home negligence or elder abuse claims in South Carolina can contact the firm by phone at (843) 881-8644, via the contact form on the Hughey Law Firm website, or by speaking with a member of the legal team directly.

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