


LOCAL NEWS

ELDER LAW GUIDANCE 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
Honoring a decade of advocacy for Kentucky Families



FRIDAY, APRIL 17
815 W. MAIN ST
RICHMOND, KY



Join Us 4-8pm for Food, music, and memories with the Elder Law Guidance Family

Elder Law Guidance celebrates 10th anniversary with Open House

Rapidly Growing Local Firm Invites Public to Kick Off Festivities April 17

Kimberly Sinclair
Marketing Director

Elder Law Guidance is excited to announce and share its 10th anniversary with the community. The award-winning local law firm invites the public to an open house Friday, April 17th from 4-8pm at 815 W. Main Street in Richmond, with live music, food, drinks, games, and prizes.

The distinguished elder law practice was founded in 2015 by Scott Collins. It has grown to be the third largest law firm of its type in just a decade, and has been named one of the fastest growing firms by Law Firm 500 since 2021.

With three established locations—two in Richmond and one in London—Elder Law Guidance continues to serve Central Kentucky with a growing team of dedicated professionals, including attorneys, paralegals, legal aides, client care specialists, and administrative staff supported by experienced operations and marketing leadership.

The firm offers expert guidance in Medicaid and Medicare planning, veterans' benefits, estate planning, probate, special needs planning, and guardianship/conservatorship.

Scott E. Collins, founder and owner of Elder Law Guidance, is a VA-accredited attorney and U.S.

Army veteran with a proven track record in elder law. A native of Middlesboro, Kentucky, he earned his Juris Doctor from Northern Kentucky University's Salmon P. Chase College of Law in 2014 before launching the firm in 2015.

Collins has earned consistent recognition in his field, including six consecutive years as a Super Lawyers Kentucky Rising Star, the Law Firm 500 Fastest-Growing Firm designation since 2021, and charter membership in Lawyers of Distinction. He serves on the Madison County Board for Elder Maltreatment Prevention and the Kentucky Bar Association's Elder Law Division, and also leads local preservation efforts as President of the Madison County Architectural Preservation Trust. Additionally, Scott serves on the Ethics Commission for the City of Richmond.

"We're excited to build on our decade of service with more resources to protect what Kentuckians have worked for their entire lives," said Collins. "I'm proud of the team we've built; we work tirelessly advocating for Kentucky families."

ABOUT ELDER LAW GUIDANCE

Elder Law Guidance, founded in 2015 by Scott E. Collins, is a leading Kentucky elder law firm serving Central and Southeastern Kentucky with compassionate, experienced counsel. The firm protects families from the loss of everything they own to the extreme cost of long-term healthcare. Visit our website at ElderLawGuidance.com or give us a call at (859) 340-5953.

Why so many older adults wait to address hearing loss

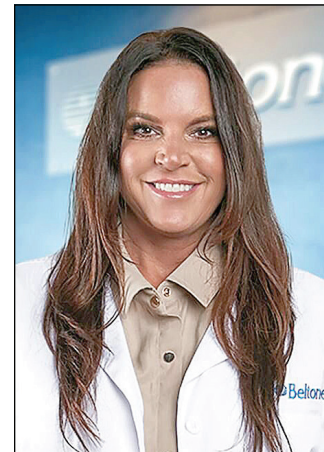
Kimberly Black
Beltone Richmond

Over the years I've worked with patients across Kentucky, West Virginia, and now here in Richmond, one thing has remained consistent: many people wait far too long before addressing their hearing loss. As we enter 2026 and the Baby Boomer generation officially reaches their 80s, this delay is becoming more noticeable—and more concerning.

Hearing loss doesn't usually happen overnight. It's gradual, often subtle at first. People may notice they're asking others to repeat themselves more often, struggling to follow conversations in restaurants, or turning up the television a little louder than before. Because these changes creep in slowly, they're easy to dismiss or explain away. "Everyone mumbles," I hear. Or "It's just background noise."

In reality, untreated hearing loss is becoming increasingly common, especially among older adults. Here in Richmond, I see it daily. Patients often tell me they've suspected a problem for years before finally scheduling an appointment. By the time they come in, many have already withdrawn from social situations, missed important conversations with loved ones, or felt frustrated and isolated without fully realizing why.

One of the biggest reasons people delay treatment is stigma. For many, hearing loss still feels like a visible marker of aging or disability—something to be hidden rather than addressed. No one wants to feel "old," and wearing hearing aids can carry outdated assumptions that simply aren't true anymore. Today's hearing technology is discreet, advanced, and designed to fit seamlessly into an active lifestyle. Yet the emotional hesitation remains.



Kimberly Black has been part of the Beltone family since 2015 and found her passion for hearing healthcare early in her career. She began serving patients in Huntington, West Virginia, and Richmond, Kentucky, and has proudly provided exceptional hearing care across Kentucky and West Virginia before bringing her experience to the Richmond area.

What's interesting is how differently we approach other areas of health. Most of us wouldn't think twice about wearing glasses, visiting the dentist regularly, or scheduling an annual eye exam. Hearing, however, often gets pushed aside—even though it plays a critical role in how we communicate, stay connected, and engage with the world around us.

I believe part of the solution is making routine hearing care the norm rather than the exception. When hearing evaluations are viewed the same way as vision or dental checkups, the stigma begins to fade. Hearing loss becomes something we manage, not something we hide. Early awareness allows for better outcomes, simpler solutions, and a much smoother adjustment process.

Another important factor is understanding how untreated hearing loss affects more than just hearing. Research continues to show links between untreated hearing loss and cogni-

tive decline, balance issues, and increased risk of falls. Beyond the physical effects, there's also the emotional toll—strain on family relationships, feelings of frustration, and a gradual retreat from activities people once enjoyed.

What I love most about my work is seeing the moment when someone realizes they've been missing more than they thought—not just sounds, but connections. I've watched patients light up when they hear their grandchildren clearly again, or when they can follow conversations without effort. Many tell me they wish they hadn't waited so long.

If there's one message I hope readers take away, it's this: addressing hearing loss isn't about aging—it's about living well. Whether you're in your 50s, 60s, 70s, or beyond, taking care of your hearing is an investment in your independence, relationships, and quality of life. Starting with a simple hearing evaluation can provide clarity, reassurance, and options—without pressure.

Hearing connects us to the people and moments that matter most. and that's something worth protecting.

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Kimberly is dedicated to helping each patient find the right hearing solution in a comfortable, supportive environment. Outside of work, she enjoys traveling, shopping, and spending time with her family.

CITY OF RICHMOND KENTUCKY

The Richmond Board of Architectural Review will hold a public hearing at **239 W Main Street, Richmond, Kentucky on April 21st, 2026 at 3:30 pm** to consider an application to update the exterior of a property located on W Water Street in the H1 district. Contact the Building Inspection Department for more information, **859-625-6428**.

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