

**Exploring Long-Term Care Residents' Rights: In Theory and In Practice**

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**Speaker Biographies**

**B. Maria Carrubba-Fuentes** is a Senior Lead Attorney in the Senior Advocacy Unit at Bay Area Legal Services. She represents Seniors in the Bay Area's service area in cases involving landlord/tenant and subsidized housing issues, family law including temporary relative custody, public benefits, and vulnerable adult populations resolve HCBS Waiver matters and long-term care involuntary discharges. She has also handled cases that involve restoration and fiduciary issues in the guardianship context. Maria is licensed to practice in the State Bars of Florida, New York, and New Jersey.

**Ellen Cheek** is a senior staff attorney specializing in elder law at Bay Area Legal Services, Inc. In addition to direct client service, she has been involved in both federal and state grant-funded projects which are designed to facilitate and improve vulnerable adults' access to civil legal services. Ellen currently serves as Co-Chair of the Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation Committee of the Elder Law Section of the Florida Bar, and she has received recognition from the Section, AFELA, and the Bar's Consumer Protection Law Committee, for her work in this field.