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NAELA Announces Winners of Student Writing Competition

Cash Prizes, NAELA Memberships, and Recognition within Profession Awarded

Washington, D.C. — The National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA) will recognize the winners of its Sixth Annual Student Writing Competition during the National Aging & Law Institute, to be held from November 10-12, 2011 in Boston. Hosted by NAELA and co-sponsored by the National Aging and Law Conference (NALC), the National Aging and Law Institute merged two events — the NAELA Advanced Fall Institute and the Annual National Aging and Law Conference. The National Aging & Law Institute is intended to equip elder and special needs law attorneys and other advocates in law and aging with the resources and information to better serve today's clients.

Law students entering the competition were instructed to address any topic regarding legal issues affecting seniors or people with disabilities, in order to encourage them to consider Elder Law and/or Special Needs Law as a specialty. The first place winner received a \$1,500 cash prize. Second and third place winners received \$1,000 and \$500, respectively. The top articles will be published on the NAELA website, and the top authors each receive a complimentary one-year NAELA law student membership. An interview with first place winner Billy Dalto will appear in an upcoming issue of *NAELA News*.

Congratulations to the following law students:

- **First Place: Billy Dalto**, Willamette University College of Law, Salem, Ore.
“How Oregon’s Elder Abuse Prevention Act Ups the Ante in State Securities Law Cases”
- **Second Place: Bridget Haeg**, Saint Louis University School of Law, St. Louis, Mo.
“Keeping It Personal: Why All State Medicaid Programs Should Compensate Family Caregivers in Self-Directed Personal Care Services”
- **Third Place: Joshua R. Wilkins**, Pennsylvania State University Dickinson School of Law, University Park, Pa.
“Consumer Directed Negotiated Risk Agreements”
- **Fourth Place (tied): Alissa Fischer**, William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, Minn.

“Help or Hinder: Recent HCBS Programs and Their Impact on Aging in Place”

- **Fourth Place (tied): Laura Jolley**, University of Virginia Law School, Charlottesville, Va.
“Caring for Older America: Building a Sustainable Domestic Nursing Workforce”
- **Fifth Place: Christina Leaton**, University of Virginia Law School, Charlottesville, Va.
“Allowing Relational Concerns to Enter the Physician-Assisted Suicide (PAS) Debate”
- **Sixth Place: Kathryn Bosse**, American University, Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C.
“It’s What She Would Want: The Need to Criminalize Personal Financial Elder Abuse”

About NAELA

Members of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA) are attorneys who are experienced and trained in working with the legal problems of aging Americans and individuals of all ages with disabilities. Established in 1987, NAELA is a non-profit association that assists lawyers, bar organizations and others. The mission of NAELA is to establish NAELA members as the premier providers of legal advocacy, guidance and services to enhance the lives of people with special needs and people as they age. NAELA currently has members across the United States, Canada, Australia and the United Kingdom. For more information, visit NAELA.org.

About Elder and Special Needs Law

Elder and Special Needs Law are specialized areas that involve representing, counseling and assisting seniors, people with disabilities and their families in connection with a variety of legal issues, with a primary emphasis on promoting the highest quality of life for individuals. Typically, Elder Law and Special Needs Law address the convergence of legal needs with the social, psychological medical and financial needs of individuals. The Elder Law and Special Needs Law attorney handles estate planning and counsels clients about planning for incapacity with health care decision-making documents. The Elder and Special Needs Law attorney also assists clients in planning for possible long-term care needs, including at-home care, assisted living or nursing home care. Locating the appropriate type of care, coordinating public and private resources to finance the cost of care and working to ensure the client’s right to quality care are all part of the Elder and Special Needs Law practice.

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