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## **National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys Co-Sponsors Event for Senate Special Committee on Aging 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

### *NAELA Congratulates Committee on 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

**Washington, D.C.** – The [National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys \(NAELA\)](#) is a proud co-sponsor of an event commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the [U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging](#) at the Russell Senate Office Building on Wednesday, December 14. NAELA is a long-time supporter of the work of the Senate Special Committee on Aging, and is thrilled to be a part of the commemoration of the committee’s achievements over the past 50 years.

Since 1961, the Special Committee on Aging has served as a focal point in the Senate for discussion and debate on matters relating to older Americans. The committee brings national attention to issues important to NAELA members and the clients they serve. In 2010, NAELA member Katherine Pearson testified before the committee’s “Continuing Care Retirement Communities: Secure Retirement or Risky Investment?” hearing. In 2006, NAELA member Terry Hammond testified before the committee’s “Exploitation of Seniors: America’s Ailing Guardianship System” hearing. In 2005, past-president Vincent Russo testified on behalf of NAELA before the committee’s “Sound Policy, Smart Solutions: Saving Money in Medicaid” hearing.

Throughout its 50-year history, the committee has led efforts in health care and retirement issues, protection from fraud and abuse, and other issues to improve the quality of life of the elderly.

“NAELA has worked closely with the committee on numerous issues, including the Elder Justice Act, criminal background checks for long-term care facility staff, and the Older Americans Act. On behalf of NAELA, congratulations to Sen. Kohl and all past chairmen on reaching this milestone and remarkable bipartisan record of accomplishment,” NAELA President Edwin Boyer, Esq., CAP.

## **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](http://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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