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Jean Galloway Ball Named Fellow of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys

Washington, D.C. -- The National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA) announced its selection of Jean Galloway Ball, CELA, Fairfax, Va., as a "Fellow of the Academy" at its Annual Meeting held in Orlando, Fla., May 12-15, 2010.

Selection as a Fellow of NAELA acknowledges the highest degree of commitment. NAELA Fellows have distinguished themselves and the Elder and Special Needs Law practice by making exceptional contributions to meeting the legal needs of older Americans and people with special needs of all ages. They have demonstrated commitment to NAELA, its mission, objectives, and ideals.

Jean Galloway Ball is an honors graduate of the National Law Center, George Washington University. She did her undergraduate work at the University of California at Berkeley, graduating Phi Beta Kappa with a B.A. in history.

Jean is a Certified Elder Law Attorney by the National Elder Law Foundation. This certification is predicated on demonstrated knowledge and experience in numerous areas of law relevant to senior citizens and disabled persons. She is a member of the Council of Advanced Practitioners of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys and a member of the Academy of Special Needs Planners.

Jean practices in Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia. She has an "AV" peer review rating by Martindale-Hubbell. In 2007 and 2008, she was selected as a SuperLawyer in 2009 in the field of Elder Law for Virginia and the Washington, D.C. metro area.

Jean has served as a member of the Medical Ethics Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, on the Board of Directors of Collington Episcopal Life Care Community, a continuing care retirement community in Maryland and as a member and President of the Board of Directors of the Alzheimer's Family Day Center, a non-profit organization providing day care for victims of Alzheimer's disease and support to their families and caregivers in Northern Virginia. She currently is serving as President of the Virginia Academy of Elder Law Attorney, a chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys.

ABOUT NAELA

Established in 1987, the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA) is a non-profit association that assists lawyers, bar organizations, and others. Members of NAELA are attorneys who are experienced and trained in working with the legal problems of aging Americans and individuals of all ages with disabilities. The mission of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys 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 more than 4,000 members across the United States. For more information, visit www.NAELA.org.

ABOUT ELDER AND SPECIAL NEEDS LAW

Elder and Special Needs Law is a specialized area of law that involves 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 and Special Needs Law address the convergence of legal needs with the social, psychological, medical, and financial needs of individuals. The Elder and Special Needs Law practitioner handles estate planning and counsels clients about planning for incapacity with health care decision making documents. The 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, settling up special needs trusts, 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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