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NAELA Announces Winners of National Writing Award

Washington, D.C. -- The National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA) announces its selection of Robert F. Harris, Chicago, Ill.; Charles P. Golbert, Chicago, Ill.; and Barry Sullivan, Chicago, Ill., as winners of the 2010 John J. Regan Writing Award at its Annual Meeting held in Orlando, Fla., May 12-15, 2010.

The John J. Regan Writing Award is presented on an annual basis to the best original article published in *NAELA Journal* during the previous year. The award was established in 1996 in memory of John J. Regan, a long-time NAELA member and Fellow, and a pioneer in Elder Law. It is meant to encourage quality submissions to *NAELA Journal* from NAELA members and non-members. Articles considered for the award must be original in-depth articles exploring a single topic that has an impact on the field of Elder Law.

This year's award is presented to the authors of "When Disabled Homeowners Lose Their Homes for a Pittance in Unpaid Property Taxes: Lessons from *In Re Mary Lowe*." The article takes a provocative look at the ramifications of notice upon an individual who is incapable of understanding notification due to disability.

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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