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NAELA and Allies Push for Full Funding of the Elder Justice Act

WASHINGTON, D.C. (May 12, 2010) – On Wednesday, May 12, the Leadership Council of Aging Organization, of which NAELA is a member, wrote to Senate and House appropriators urging full first year funding for the Elder Justice Act provisions which are included in the health care reform law. [See a copy of the letter.](#)

About NAELA

NAELA members are attorneys experienced and trained in working with legal challenges facing 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 in providing legal advocacy, guidance, and services to enhance the lives of those with special needs and people as they age. Association members practice in the U.S., Canada, the United Kingdom and Australia.

Elder Law and Special Needs Law are specialized areas that involve representing, counseling, and assisting seniors, people with disabilities, and their families in connection with legal issues, with a primary emphasis on promoting the highest quality of life. Practitioners address the confluence of legal needs with the social, psychological, medical, and financial needs of clients, including such areas as estate planning, planning for incapacity with health care decision-making documents, and long-term care needs.

About the Elder Justice Coalition

The Elder Justice Coalition was formally launched on February 10, 2003, to coincide with the introduction of the Elder Justice Act (S. 333), which was introduced by Senators John Breaux and Orrin Hatch. The Coalition has five founding organizational members: the National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (NCPEA), the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA), the National Association of State Units on Aging (NASUA), the National Association of Adult Protective Service Administrators (NAAPSA), and the National Association of State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Programs (NASOP). NCPEA has assumed the additional role of providing the physical and administrative home for the Coalition.

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