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National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, Inc.

NAELA Fact Sheet

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF ELDER LAW ATTORNEYS, INC.

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Founded

1988

Incorporated As

A 501C 6, non-profit professional association.

Current Membership

Well over 4,000

Added Special Needs Tagline

2003

Fiscal Year

January 1 – December 31

Dues

\$425 per year (\$325 for first year)

\$225 per year for attorneys in legal services

\$35 per year for students

Who Belongs?

Elder and Special Needs Law Attorneys focus on the legal needs of seniors and people with disabilities. They work with a variety of legal tools and techniques to meet the goals and objectives of their clients. The legal needs of seniors and people with disabilities are many, and include age discrimination, durable powers of attorney, elder abuse, estate planning and probate, long-term care, health care decisions, Medicare, Medicaid and other public benefits and trusts.

Membership Demographics

Region of the Country Membership

Northeast	38%
Southeast	16%
Midwest	22%
West	24%

Chapters

NAELA currently has chapters in the following states.

- Arizona
- Northern California
- Southern California
- Colorado
- Connecticut

NAELA's Mission

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.

- Florida
- Georgia
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Kansas
- Maryland/DC
- Massachusetts
- Missouri
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- New York
- North Carolina
- Ohio
- South Carolina
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Vermont
- Virginia
- Washington
- Wisconsin

National Elder Law Foundation

Operates separately from NAELA and provides a certification program for Elder Law Attorneys. There are currently 399 Certified Elder Law Attorneys (CELAs) in 42 states and Washington, D.C.

Executive Director

Peter Wacht, CAE

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Publications

NAELA Journal is a scholarly publication, distributed twice annually, with articles on various elder and special needs law topics.

NAELA News is published six times a year and includes membership news, timely substantive issues, Academy news and issues in the field of elder and special needs law.

Law and Aging Series including brochures on Long Term Care Insurance, Living Trusts, Planning for Medical Decision Making, Guardianship and Conservatorship and Joint Tenancy, Age Discrimination, Medicare, Medicaid and more.

Questions and Answers When Looking for An Elder Law Attorney pamphlet covers issues such as where to find an attorney, what questions to ask, discussing fees, and more. The pamphlet is available free to the public and can be obtained by sending a self-addressed, stamped, legal-size envelope to NAELA, Q&A, 1577 Spring Hill Road Suite 220, Vienna, VA 22182 or by accessing the NAELA Web site at www.NAELA.org.

Potential Article Topics

- Age Discrimination
- Disability Benefits
- Estate Planning
- Guardianship/Conservatorship
- Health Care Decision Making
- Medicare
- Medicaid
- Long Term Care Issues
- Nursing Home Reform
- Planning for Disability
- Trusts

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