NAELA Announces Winner of National Writing Award
Emory Law Professor Recognized for Article about Special Needs Trusts

Washington, D.C. – The National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA) announces its selection of Professor Jeffrey N. Pennell as the winner of the John J. Regan Writing Award, which will be presented at its annual conference in Las Vegas, NV held May 19-21. 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.

Professor Pennell receives this year’s award for his article “Special Needs Trusts: Reflections on Common Boilerplate Provision,” which was published in the Fall 2010 NAELA Journal. His article provides invaluable information for attorneys who specialize in setting up trusts for those with special needs. He is a Professor of Law at Emory University School of Law in Atlanta where he teaches income tax, wealth transfer tax, trusts and estates, and estate planning.

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

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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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