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National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys Announces Winner of President's Recognition Award

Washington, D.C. — The [National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys](#) (NAELA) proudly announces that NAELA President Edwin M. Boyer, Esq., CAP, has selected the [Stroke Association of Florida](#) and its program director, Holly Dykema, as the recipient of the 2012 President's Recognition Award for their efforts in educating Florida communities on stroke-related issues.

"We first met Holly Dykema a few years ago, when she came to [the Boyer & Jackson P.A.] office to train our staff on the prevention, signs, and risks of stroke. Her husband is a stroke victim, and since his stroke five years ago, she has dedicated herself to the development and expansion of the Stroke Association's mission. With incremental successes, she has done so much in our community to educate people about stroke prevention," said NAELA President Edwin Boyer, Esq., CAP.

Dykema has developed community health fairs that help people with disabilities and special needs find out more about organizations and groups that can provide specialized expertise and services to them.

Each year, the current NAELA President selects an outstanding individual to receive the President's Recognition Award. NAELA will make a donation to the recipient's organization of choice.

The Stroke Association of Florida is a non-profit organization whose mission is to reduce the incidence and impact of stroke by educating the communities of Sarasota and Manatee Counties about prevention, risks, signs and symptoms and by providing support and resources for stroke survivors, caregivers, and support group leaders.

About NAELA

Members of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA) are attorneys who are experienced and trained in working with the legal problems of 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. The mission of NAELA 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 members across the United States, Canada, Australia and the United Kingdom. For more information, visit NAELA.org.

About Elder and Special Needs Law

Elder and Special Needs Law are specialized areas that involve 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 Law and Special Needs Law address the convergence of legal needs with the social, psychological, medical and financial needs of individuals. The Elder Law and Special Needs Law attorney handles estate planning and counsels clients about planning for incapacity with health care decision-making documents. The Elder and Special Needs Law 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 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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