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ADVOCATE FOR ELDERLY AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES RECEIVES AWARD FOR WORK ON LONG TERM CARE PUBLIC POLICY

Boca Raton, Fla. – Howard S. Krooks, Esq. recently received an award for his work as the Co-Chair of the Compact Working Group of the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) Elder Law Section, for advocacy work he performed prior to and since relocating to Florida in September 2005. Now a partner in the law firm of Elder Law Associates PA, with offices in Boca Raton, Aventura, West Palm Beach, and Weston, he remains Of Counsel to Littman Krooks LLP in New York.

“I am proud to have been recognized for my work in this critical area of public policy in the state of New York,” Mr. Krooks said. “I am pleased that the Florida Bar Elder Law Section and the Academy of Florida Elder Law Attorneys are currently reviewing the Compact to determine if it will serve as a viable option in the state of Florida.” As a member of the Joint Public Policy Task Force of the Florida Bar Association Elder Law Section and the Academy of Florida Elder Law Attorneys, Mr. Krooks is part of a group of attorneys currently engaged in an ongoing dialogue with state legislators and the Florida Department of Children and Families to protect the rights of the state’s most vulnerable citizens.

The Compact for Long Term Care is widely recognized for providing an alternative means of financing long term care. It represents a fair and rational approach to paying for long term care by offering seniors and people with disabilities the option to pledge a certain amount of their assets towards long term care services without subjecting themselves to forced impoverishment typically associated with the Medicaid program. It also permits individuals with long term care needs to purchase services at all three primary levels of care, including home care, assisted living and nursing home care. Currently, the Medicaid program may only offer coverage for one or two levels of care, but not all three.

Mr. Krooks is a Past Chair of the Elder Law Section of the NYSBA. He is certified as an Elder Law Attorney by the National Elder Law Foundation and is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Elder Law Attorneys. He served as Chair of a Special Committee created by the NYSBA Elder Law Section to address the Statewide Commission on Fiduciary Appointments formed by Chief Justice Judith Kaye. He is also AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell, the highest rating awarded an attorney.

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Elder Law Associates PA is a boutique elder law firm that practices exclusively in elder law, wills and trusts, Medicaid and nursing home planning, Medicaid applications, disability planning, special needs trusts, guardianship and asset preservation. AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell, ELA assists clients in planning for the possibility of disability, incapacity, home health care, assisted living and/or nursing home placement. The firm enables clients to avoid impoverishment caused by the escalating cost of long term care, to maintain their right to make health care decisions and to avoid unnecessary medical treatment. Partners Ellen S. Morris and Howard S. Krooks are experienced and accomplished in handling a diverse range of issues affecting seniors, persons with disabilities and their families. The partners' combined legal experience enables the firm to provide a high degree of service and to interpret and translate complex legal issues for the benefit of its clients. For more information, please contact Elder Law Associates PA at 561-750-3850 or www.ElderLawAssociates.com.

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