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## PRESS RELEASE

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### LOCAL ATTORNEY RECOGNIZED IN THE FIELD OF ELDER LAW

**Boca Raton, Fla.** – We are proud to announce that Howard S. Krooks, JD, CELA was recently honored at the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA) Annual Conference, which took place April 1-5, 2009, in Washington D.C. Mr. Krooks was one of four attorneys bestowed the organization's highest honor of becoming a NAELA Fellow. The other three award recipients included Barbara Hughes of Madison, WI (<http://www.hill-law-firm.com>); Ruth Phelps of Pasadena, CA (<http://www.elderlawyers.com>); and Patricia E. Kefalas Dudek of Bloomfield Hills, MI ([www.pekdadvocacy.com](http://www.pekdadvocacy.com)). NAELA Fellows are attorneys who have been members of NAELA for at least three years, whose careers concentrate on Elder Law, and who have distinguished themselves both by making exceptional contributions to meeting the needs of older Americans and by demonstrating a commitment to NAELA. Election as a Fellow signifies that peers recognize the lawyer as a model for others, and an exceptional lawyer and leader. Elder 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 on issues such as estate planning and probate, long-term care, health care decisions, Medicare and Medicaid, and elder abuse.

Mr. Krooks is proud to be honored in the limited elite group of 76 attorneys who hold this title throughout the United States.

The mission of NAELA is to establish its 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. For more information regarding NAELA, visit: [www.naela.org](http://www.naela.org).

To learn more about Howard S. Krooks, JD, CELA, visit his website, <http://www.elderlawassociates.com> and blog <http://www.elderlawassociates.com/blog/>, or become his friend on Facebook.

#### About Elder Law Associates PA

Elder Law Associates PA (ELA) 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, asset preservation, trust and estate administration, and elder law litigation. 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. 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.

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