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HOWARD S. KROOKS, ESQ. NAMED "MEMBER OF THE YEAR" BY THE FLORIDA BAR ELDER LAW SECTION

Boca Raton, Fla. – Howard S. Krooks, Esq. has been named The Florida Bar Elder Law Section's "Member of the Year." This award was presented at the 2010 Annual Elder Law Section Retreat in Boca Raton, Florida. Mr. Krooks is a partner of Elder Law Associates PA, a law firm with offices in Boca Raton, Aventura, West Palm Beach, and Weston, and Of Counsel to Amoruso & Amoruso, LLP in Westchester County, New York.



Babette B. Bach, Esq., outgoing Chair of The Florida Bar Elder Law Section, said, "This award was given to Mr. Krooks for his intense and successful work on behalf of the Joint Public Policy Task Force of The Florida Bar Elder Law Section and the Academy of Florida Elder Law Attorneys (AFELA). Mr. Krooks was instrumental in obtaining a correction from The Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) rules regarding the use of promissory notes in Medicaid planning. He then lectured and published an article on the subject. He also helped us develop a working relationship with DCF to discuss and implement improvements in the delivery of Medicaid services throughout Florida for our clients. Mr. Krooks has also diligently served as the Elder Law Section's liaison to the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA). It has been my honor and privilege to work with Mr. Krooks.

"I am appreciative of this award and hope that it will shine the spotlight on the need to protect of the rights of seniors and others with disabilities living in the State of Florida," Mr. Krooks said.

Mr. Krooks is certified as an Elder Law Attorney by the National Elder Law Foundation and is a member of the Council for Advanced Practitioners of NAELA. He is a member of the NAELA Board of Directors, where he serves as Treasurer. He was honored with the designation of NAELA Fellow in 2009. He serves on the Executive Council of the Elder Law Section of The Florida Bar as the NAELA Liaison. He is a Past Chair of the Elder Law Section of the New York State Bar Association, where he continues to serve on the Executive Committee. Mr. Krooks was chosen as a Florida Super Lawyer from 2007 to 2010, a 2008 and 2009 Metro New York Super Lawyer, named to *Florida Trend* magazine's Florida Legal Elite in 2007 and 2010, and has an AV[®] Preeminent Peer Review Rating from Martindale-Hubbell.

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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, asset preservation, trust and estate administration, and elder law litigation. 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.

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