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**MARQUETTE ATTORNEY WINS THE NATIONAL
ACADEMY OF ELDER LAW ATTORNEYS
JOHN REGAN WRITING AWARD**

Tucson, Ariz. – Robert C. Anderson, a Certified Elder Law Attorney (CELA), of Marquette, Michigan, was announced as the winner of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA) 2008 John Regan Writing Award at the Academy's 20th Anniversary Symposium held May 15 – 18, 2008 in Maui, Hawaii. The award was presented to Mr. Anderson for his groundbreaking article "Estate Planning with Nonqualified Annuities: Navigating the Labyrinth," which was recently published in the NAELA Journal.

"Too often in America, unsuspecting senior citizens are purchasing annuities which they do not understand nor need," explained Craig Reaves, NAELA President. "Robert Anderson's article is valuable since it illustrates how to reduce the tax, Medicaid and estate planning complexity for annuities."

The NAELA John Regan Writing Award is presented on an annual basis to the best original article published in the NAELA Journal during that year. The award was established in memory of John J. Regan, a long-time NAELA member, Fellow, and a pioneer in elder law.

Articles considered for the award must be original, in-depth articles exploring a single topic, which has an impact on the field of elder law. Articles are reviewed and judged by a subcommittee of the NAELA Publications Committee and the winner is announced at the annual NAELA Symposium.

Mr. Anderson is also currently serving as Chairperson of NAELA's Tax Section.

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What is Elder Law?

Elder Law is a specialized area of law that involves representing, counseling and assisting seniors, people with disabilities and their families with a variety of legal issues, with a primary emphasis on promoting the highest quality of life for individuals.

Typically, Elder Law addresses the convergence of legal needs with the social, psychological, medical and financial needs of individuals. The Elder Law practitioner helps people work through the myriad of laws that impact people as they age or if they have or develop a disability. In addition to all of the traditional estate planning services, the Elder 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 Law practice. Many Elder Law attorneys also assist individuals of any age who have a disability to maintain eligibility for vital financial and medical assistance, whether provided through public or private sources.

About NAELA

Established in 1987, the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA) is a non-profit association that assists lawyers, bar associations 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 over 4,600 members across the U.S., Canada, Australia and the United Kingdom.

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