MassNAELA Receives ASAE 2025 Power of Associations Silver Award for Health Care Proxy Clinic

Boston, MA - The <u>Massachusetts Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys</u> (MassNAELA) has been recognized as a Power of Associations Silver Award by the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) for its successful Health Care Proxy Clinic initiative (HCPC).

The specific objective of the HCPC is to help communities that have been historically underserved in estate planning, which tend to be predominately minority and/or low-income, to understand the legal significance and benefits of executing a health care proxy, and to provide no-cost access to attorneys who can help individuals put a health care proxy in place.

"Congratulations to MassNAELA for exemplifying the impact associations have on the industries and professions they represent, and on society at large," said ASAE President and CEO Michelle Mason, FASAE, CAE. "It's always so incredibly satisfying to see associations going above and beyond their everyday mission to change the world. We're very proud to spotlight this award-winning initiative."

"It's meaningful to our organization to be recognized for our advocacy on behalf of seniors and people with special needs, especially those in underserved communities," **said Clarence Richardson**, **MassNAELA Executive Director**. "Our attorney member volunteers are dedicated to making a difference for these groups by promoting legislation and supporting worthy programs that will benefit them."

For more information about MassNAELA, visit www.massnaela.com.

About MassNAELA

The National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA), the premier organization of elder and special needs law attorneys in the country, is dedicated to developing awareness of issues concerning the elderly and those with special needs. Over 400 attorneys are members of the Massachusetts Chapter. Members work directly with the elderly and those with special needs in areas as diverse as planning for catastrophic care costs, disability planning, age discrimination in employment and housing, benefits planning, estate planning, veterans' benefits and more.

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About The Power of Associations Awards

ASAE's Power of Associations Awards recognize the association community's economic and societal contributions locally, nationally and globally. ASAE will celebrate The Power of Associations Award recipients during its annual Summit Awards Dinner on September 25, 2025, at the National Building Museum in Washington, DC.