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Mr. Krooks is the President of the Special Needs Alliance (www.specialneedsalliance.org), a national network of attorneys dedicated to assisting families with special needs planning. Mr. Krooks is past President of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA), a Fellow of NAELA, past Chair of the NAELA Tax Special Interest Group and past Editor-in-Chief of the *NAELA News*. In addition, he is certified as an Elder Law Attorney by the National Elder Law Foundation. He is a founding member and past President of the New York Chapter of NAELA.

Mr. Krooks is past Chair of the Elder Law Section of the New York State Bar Association (*NYSBA*), Chair of its Legal Education Committee, and past Editor-in-Chief of the *Elder Law Attorney*, the newsletter of the NYSBA Elder Law Section. Mr. Krooks is a member of the Trusts and Estates Law Section and Tax Section of the NYSBA. In addition, he is a former member of the NYSBA House of Delegates and he served on the NYSBA special committee on Multi-Disciplinary Practice. Mr. Krooks co-authors a chapter in the NYSBA publication *Guardianship Practice in New York State* entitled "Creative Advocacy in Guardianship Settings: Medicaid and Estate Planning, Including Transfer of Assets, Supplemental Needs Trusts & Protection of Disabled Family Members." Mr. Krooks co-authors the NYSBA publication *Elder Law and Will Drafting*. He is also on the Editorial Board of *Exceptional Parent Magazine*.

Mr. Krooks is a widely quoted expert on elder law, special needs planning and estate planning matters and has been quoted in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *Newsweek*, *Forbes*, *Investment News*, *Financial Times*, *Money Magazine*, *Smart Money*, *Kiplinger's*, *Bloomberg Wealth Manager*, *CBS Marketwatch.com*, *Lawyer's Weekly USA*, *Reader's Digest*, *Bottom Line*, *The Journal of Financial Planning*, *The New York Law Journal*, *Dow Jones*, *A.M. Bestwire*, *The Daily News*, *New York Post* and *Newsday*, among others. He has testified before the United States House of Representatives and the New York City Council on long-term care issues. He also has appeared on National Public Radio, CNN, PBS, NBC, and CBS evening news, as well as numerous cable television and radio shows. He was recently interviewed on Good Morning America NOW with regard to special needs planning.

Mr. Krooks is a member of the Estate Planning Councils of New York and Westchester County; and a member of the Real Property, Probate & Trust Law Section and Tax Section of the American Bar Association; a member of the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States, and a member of the American Institute of CPAs. Mr. Krooks also is a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC) and serves on its Law and Aging Committee. He is an Adjunct Asst. Professor at NYU Center for Finance, Law & Taxation and is a member of the NYU Institute on Federal Taxation Advisory Board. Mr. Krooks serves on the Editorial Advisory Boards of *Trusts & Estates Magazine* and *Leimberg Information Services*.

Mr. Krooks has served on the Board of Directors of the Alzheimer's Association Westchester/Putnam Chapter and the Bioethics Advisory Committee of New York Hospital. He is a Board member of Westchester ARC, a member of the Blythedale Children's Hospital Planned Giving Professional Advisory Board, a member of the Trusts & Estates Group of the Lawyer's Division of the UJA-Federation of New York, and a member of the legal advisory committee of the Evelyn Frank Legal Resources Program of Selfhelp Community Services, Inc. He has made presentations to numerous professional organizations, including ALI-ABA, Alzheimer's Assoc., American Bar Association, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Brookdale Center on Aging, Brooklyn Bar Association, Financial Planning Association, Florida Bar, MS Society, National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, National College of Probate Judges, National Law Foundation, New York Assoc. of Homes & Services for the Aging, New York City Bar, New York County Lawyers Assoc., New York State Bar Association, New York State Judicial Institute, NYU Institute of Federal Taxation, Pace University Law School, Queens County Bar Association, School for Exceptional Children, St. Johns University School of Law, and Westchester County Bar Association, as well as other professional, civic and community groups.

Mr. Krooks is married and has four children. He is an *AYSO* certified soccer coach and an *NYSCA* certified baseball coach.