

**BERNARD A. KROOKS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF SPECIAL NEEDS ALLIANCE**

(New York, NY.) – **Bernard A. Krooks**, founding partner of Littman Krooks LLP with offices in New York City, White Plains and Fishkill has been elected president of the **Special Needs Alliance (SNA)**, the organization announced during its fall meeting at St. Pete Beach, Florida. Krooks has served as chairman of the SNA Marketing Committee for the past year.

Relying upon the strengths of Hook's administration and broadening national awareness of the SNA are at the core of Krooks' 2009 agenda. "I do not want the SNA to remain the world's best kept secret," Krooks said. "People need to know of us and recognize us as a resource for individuals and advocates in the disability community."

Krooks plans to build on the SNA's growing reputation as a vocal advocate on a wide range of special needs issues—not simply public benefits and disability law. He points specifically to the **SNA's Public Policy Committee**, seated earlier this year to address legislation and regulations impacting the special needs community.

"We will be active participants in legislation aimed at special needs matters," Krooks said. "We will be present when these issues are being discussed and debated."

President Krooks aims to lead a local initiative to arm Alliance members with the confidence to weigh in on issues falling outside of law.

"We need to become more vocal--and be more active participants--at the local level with disability organizations: participating in awareness events and fundraisers, speaking to more disability groups, and volunteering our time. It will be my responsibility to energize the members to engage in these activities."

Krooks has been widely quoted as an expert on the topics of special needs and estate planning both locally and nationally, and speaks frequently on these topics across the United States. He is an active member of numerous committees and boards, and coaches youth soccer and baseball.

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