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BERNARD A. KROOKS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF NEW YORK CHAPTER OF ELDER LAW ATTORNEYS

New York, NY – February 1, 2006 – New York Elder Law Attorney Bernard A. Krooks, the founding partner of Littman Krooks LLP and former President of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA), was elected President of the New York Chapter of NAELA at the organization's annual meeting.

“It should be a challenging year for all Elder Law attorneys as federal and local governments look to curtail spending, often at the expense of our clients. I look forward to serving our members as an outspoken advocate and trusted advisor in the days and months ahead,” said Krooks at last week's meeting.

Krooks received his law degree from Hofstra University and is a Certified Elder Law Attorney (CELA), a professional accreditation from the National Elder Law Foundation. He is past chair of the Elder Law Section of the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) and co-authored a chapter in the NYSBA's publication: “Guardianship Practice in New York State.” He also served on the Board of Directors for the Alzheimer's Association and is an adjunct law professor at New York University Center for Finance, Law and Taxation. Littman Krooks LLP

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The New York Chapter of NAELA gives New York's Elder Law attorneys an opportunity to speak with one powerful voice when lobbying city and state governments on important local issues. It also fosters networking opportunities on the local level and provides additional educational opportunities for attorneys looking to specialize in elder law.

Established in 1987, the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA) is a non-profit association that assists lawyers, bar organizations 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 disabilities and people as they age. NAELA currently has more than 5,000 members across the United States, Canada, Australia and the United Kingdom. For more information, please contact NAELA at 520.881.4005 or visit www.naela.org.