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*Massachusetts Elder Law Attorney Elected
President of Special Needs Alliance*

(SOMERVILLE, Mass.) – Attorney [Neal A. Winston](#), Partner of the Somerville, Massachusetts law firm [Moschella and Winston, LLP](#), has been elected President of the **Special Needs Alliance (SNA)**, the organization announced. He succeeds President **Bridget O’Brien Swartz**.

Established in 2002, the Special Needs Alliance (SNA) is a national, non-profit collective of many of America’s leading disability and public benefits attorneys. Currently in 48 states, SNA members work to secure Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income, and other public benefits for individuals with special needs. The SNA’s mission is to help enhance the quality of life for people with disabilities by coordinating private resources with public benefit programs through special needs planning and trusts.

As president, Winston will continue to advocate for the special needs community by advancing the public policy work of the SNA, implementing changes to reach under-served minority populations, and further strengthening relationships with partner organizations like the Autism Society of America (ASA), ARC, and the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).

“We have established a membership of some of the best, most well respected special needs attorneys in the country and believe that a great opportunity exists to impart that expertise to the public by collaborating with other special needs support organizations,” said Winston.

This past year, the SNA has continued to assert its voice on the national stage, participating in the recent National Summit on Disability Policy in Washington, D.C. and helping to translate the implications of the new healthcare reform act for those with disabilities.

About Neal Winston

Mr. Winston’s law firm specializes in elder, disability, special needs, and public benefit eligibility legal planning. His passion for advocacy dates back to the early 1970s when, as part of Volunteers in Service to America (now AmeriCorps), he was assigned to a Legal Aid office. He has been a leading authority on government benefit programs, especially SSI and Social

Security, for over 30 years. Additionally, he has represented hundreds of claimants before state and federal agencies and is active in legislative issues affecting disabled and elder citizens on a state and federal level.

Mr. Winston is a delegate of the Massachusetts Bar Association, past president of the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, and a Certified Elder Law Attorney by the National Elder Law Foundation. He also serves on the Massachusetts Joint Bar Committee for judicial nominations.

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