

Organizational Information

Name of Organization	National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys
Country	United States of America
Type of Organization	Open-ended Working Group on Ageing

Questionnaire/Survey Information

Your organization's FULL NAME *	National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys
Purpose of your organization: *	
Established in 1987, the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA) is a professional association of more than 4,300 attorneys who are dedicated to improving the quality of legal services provided to seniors and people with special needs. NAELA members assist their clients with public benefits, probate, estate and tax planning, guardianship/conservatorship, and health and long-term care planning, among other important issues. 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 special needs and people as they age. For more information, visit www.NAELA.org .	
What are the programmes and activities of your organization? They must be relevant to the Open-ended Working Group and the country or countries in which they are carried out. *	
The primary focus of the Academy is education. The Academy sponsors continuing legal education programs on Elder and Special Needs Law for attorneys throughout the year, and provides publications and educational materials to its members on a wide range of Elder and Special Needs Law topics. In addition, NAELA offers specialized member Sections, such as those focused on Tax and Trust and Special Needs Trust issues, to assist Elder and Special Needs Law attorneys in their efforts to better meet the needs of their clients.	
The Academy seeks to provide support to other organizations serving people as they age and people with disabilities. NAELA also examines and advocates on public policy issues facing seniors and people with special needs, but does not provide direct legal services. For example, NAELA was a founding member of the Elder Justice Coalition, which gained passage of the Elder Justice Act in 2010. Moreover, NAELA is a founding member of the Leadership Council of Aging Organizations, a coalition of 60 organizations that focus on enhancing services such as housing, healthcare, food and nutrition, etc., for older Americans. All of NAELA's public policy and advocacy priorities are focused on better meeting the needs of older Americans and people with special needs.	
Please explain briefly whether your activities are at the national, regional or international level, or a combination thereof. *	
NAELA's activities are primarily national in nature, though we do have some members in Canada and other English-speaking countries.	
Please attach a scanned copy of an annual report of your organization including financial statements, and a list of financial sources and contributions, including governmental contributions. (PDF or Word only please.)	NAELA-FS-10-DRAFT 5 2011.pdf
If you wish, you can provide any additional information on your organization's financial statement here. (Optional)	
Attached is the draft 2010 audited financial statements, approved by NAELA's Finance Committee. The NAELA Board of Directors will review and approve the 2010 audited financial statements on July 15 during its Board meeting. NAELA receives no contributions or grants from governments or other sources. NAELA receives the bulk of its revenue through membership dues, with meetings and education serving as the second largest source of revenue.	
Please provide a BRIEF list of members of the governing body of your organization, and their countries of nationality; *	
All members of the Board of Directors are U.S. citizens. The 2011-12 NAELA Board of Directors follows:	

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Briefly describe the membership of your organization, including: (a) the total number of members, (b) names of member organizations, if any, and (c) geographical distribution of your membership ✖

NAELA has a membership of 4,300 who are located throughout the United States. The membership is comprised of private attorneys, legal aid attorneys, judges, law professors and law school students.

Please provide a scanned copy of your organization's constitution or bylaws. (PDF or Word only, please.)

[NAELA Bylaws 2010 APPROVED.pdf](#)

If you wish, you can provide any additional information on your organization's constitution or bylaws here. (Optional)

The NAELA membership approved the attached, revised Bylaws in January 2011. NAELA received 501c(6) status in 1987.

Please sign off with today's date: ✖

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