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## ELLEN S. MORRIS, ESQ. NAMED "MEMBER OF THE YEAR" BY THE FLORIDA BAR ELDER LAW SECTION

**Boca Raton, Fla.** – Ellen S. Morris, Esq. has been named The Florida Bar Elder Law Section's "Member of the Year." She shared this honorable distinction with Representative Elaine Schwartz. This award was presented at the 2008 Annual Elder Law Section Retreat in Clearwater Beach, Florida in July. Ms. Morris is a partner of Elder Law Associates PA, a law firm with offices in Boca Raton, Aventura, West Palm Beach, and Weston.

Having dedicated countless hours to legislative issues of significant importance to the Elder Law Section, Ms. Morris has had an unparalleled dedication to advocacy in the legislative arena. She has taken one component of the Elder Law Section which was, in effect, non-existent and grown it into a formidable presence which can continue to be expanded.

Emma Hemness, Chair of The Florida Bar Elder Law Section, said, "Ms. Morris has supported and enhanced my efforts as Chair to grow the importance of the Section among other Florida attorneys and administrative and legislative entities. Since being appointed Chair of the Section's Legislative Committee in August 2006, Ms. Morris' focus has been to lay a solid foundation for legislative activity by the Section. Through her indefatigable efforts she has succeeded in building not just a foundation, but an infrastructure. She has enabled the Section to be a proactive, rather than reactive, advocate for elder law practitioners and the clients they serve - now and in the future."

"I am honored for this recognition and hope that it will shine the spotlight on the need to protect of the rights of seniors and others with disabilities living in the State of Florida," Ms. Morris said.

Ms. Morris is the Legislative Chair of the Elder Law Section of the Florida Bar and the Co-chair of the Elder Law Section of the South Palm Beach County Bar Association. In these roles as well as being an active member of the Academy of Florida Elder Law Attorneys and the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, Ms. Morris participates in elder law-related legislative initiatives and devotes much of her time to analyzing the new rules and updated regulations affecting seniors and others with disabilities who require government services and protection.

She was named to *Florida Trend* magazine's Florida Legal Elite in 2007 and has an AV<sup>®</sup> Peer Review Rating, the highest rating afforded an attorney, from Martindale-Hubbell.

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