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## ELA Alert

May 6, 2008

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### FLORIDA LEGISLATURE VOTES TO FUND THE DIVERSION PROGRAM

The 2008 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature recently adjourned. Ellen Morris, Elder Law Associates Partner and Legislative Chair of The Florida Bar's Elder Law Section is pleased to share with you the following breaking news from the Session.

It is anticipated that, effective July 1, 2008, 14,000 slots for the Diversion program will be funded. (It is not clear at this time whether the 1,000 slots that were supposed to be added in January 2008 but were never implemented are included in the 14,000 number.)

Governor Crist still has the right to veto this part of the budget but as he and Lt. Governor Kottkamp were instrumental in getting these funds, we doubt that will occur.

#### About Elder Law Associates PA

Elder Law Associates PA is a boutique elder law firm that practices exclusively in elder law, wills and trusts, Medicaid and nursing home planning, Medicaid applications, disability planning, special needs trusts, guardianship, asset preservation, and trust and estate administration litigation. AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell, ELA assists clients in planning for the possibility of disability, incapacity, home health care, assisted living and/or nursing home placement. The firm enables clients to avoid impoverishment caused by the escalating cost of long term care, to maintain their right to make health care decisions and to avoid unnecessary medical treatment. The partners' combined legal experience enables the firm to provide a high degree of service and to interpret and translate complex legal issues for the benefit of its clients. For more information, please contact Elder Law Associates PA at 561-750-3850 or [www.ElderLawAssociates.com](http://www.ElderLawAssociates.com).

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