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**Leading Special Needs Law Experts Heather D. Nadler and Mark E. Biernath
Merge Practices to Form Nadler Biernath LLC**

Merger creates one of Atlanta's largest specialty law practices focused on the legal needs of individuals with disabilities, the elderly and their families

ATLANTA, Ga. (October 6, 2014) - The practice of Special Needs and Elder Law in metro Atlanta took a major step forward today with the launch of Nadler Biernath LLC created from the merger of solo practitioners Heather D. Nadler and Mark E. Biernath. Located in Dunwoody, Georgia, the firm offers clients thought leadership and more than 20 years of combined expertise focusing on the legal needs of individuals with disabilities, the elderly and their families.

Recognizing their similar approach and values, Nadler and Biernath saw an opportunity to offer clients greater resources, support and accessibility by merging their practices. The merger creates one of Atlanta's largest law practices focused exclusively on Special Needs and Elder Law. In meeting the needs of their clients, Nadler Biernath LLC collaborates with financial planners, care managers, community groups and schools and attorneys who focus their practices in the areas of estate planning, personal injury, worker's compensation and medical malpractice.

"Between constant changes in Social Security, Medicaid and new developments like the Affordable Care Act, it is critical to stay on top of legal trends that impact people with disabilities and the elderly," said Nadler. "Given our strong sector experience, Mark and I realized that this merger would offer clients and referral sources more extensive resources and the latest legal insight within our specialized areas."

Heather D. Nadler is one of just eight attorneys in the State of Georgia to be Certified as an Elder Law Attorney by the National Elder Law Foundation, as accredited by the American Bar Association. Every year since 2009 Nadler has been selected by her peers and Atlanta Magazine as a Rising Star in the field of Elder Law. She has authored articles on the topics of Elder Law and Special Needs Law for the Family Law Quarterly published by the American Bar Association, the Georgia Bar Journal, and Atlanta Lawyer Magazine. Nadler is a member of the Academy of Special Needs Planners, the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA) and the Georgia Chapter of NAELA, the Georgia Bar Association, and the Atlanta Bar Association. She is a Past Chair of the Board of Directors of the Elder Law Section of the Atlanta Bar Association. Nadler was on the steering committee that worked to establish the Georgia Chapter of NAELA, served as Secretary of the Georgia Chapter of NAELA once formed and was awarded an Outstanding Achievement Award by the chapter. Nadler received her J.D. from Tulane University School of Law where she was on the editorial board of the Tulane Journal of International and Comparative Law, and graduated Cum Laude from Auburn University, where she earned a B.S. in International Business with concentrations in Spanish and Management Information Systems.

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Mark E. Biernath is one of the leading legal experts on Special Needs Law in Georgia. Drawing upon his unique personal experience with the disability community, Biernath authored a comprehensive Life Care Guide for parents of children with special needs and has created numerous educational videos and white papers. The popular speaker has shared his thought leadership with school systems in Cobb County, Fulton County, DeKalb County, Gwinnett County, Cherokee County, Forsyth County, Henry County, Athens-Clarke County and Atlanta Public Schools. He has also spoken to Skyland Trail, Prader-Willi Society of Georgia, Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance, Share Our Autism Resources (SOAR), National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), Senior Services Center, First Baptist Church-Woodstock, Enable Ministries and Intown Community Church. A charter member of the Academy of Special Needs Planners, a national organization of attorneys dedicated to excellence in special needs planning, Biernath belongs to WealthCounsel LLC, the premiere national organization of Estate Planning Attorneys. The lifetime fellow of the Atlanta Bar Foundation is also a member of the State Bar of Georgia, the DeKalb Bar Association, and the Atlanta Bar Association. Biernath earned his B.S. Mgt. from the Georgia Institute of Technology, his Th.M. from the Dallas Theological Seminary in Dallas, Texas, and his J.D. from Georgia State University College of Law, where he was the associate legislative editor for the Georgia State University Law Review.

"This merger allows us to deliver peace of mind to those caring for an aging parent or a loved one with a disability," added Biernath. "With our competent, compassionate approach, this collaboration creates uniquely comprehensive support for clients and referral sources."

About Nadler, Biernath, LLC:

Located in Dunwoody, Georgia, Nadler Biernath LLC is one of metro Atlanta's largest firms specializing in Special Needs Law, Elder Law and Estate Planning. Practice areas include: Special Needs Planning for People with Disabilities and Parents of Children with Disabilities, Guardianship/Conservatorship, Estate Planning (Wills, Living Wills, Durable Powers of Attorney), Personal Injury Settlement Advice, Long-Term Care Planning, Comprehensive Medicaid Planning Evaluations, Medicaid Advocacy, Probate/Estate Administration, Trust Administration and Veteran's Benefits. The firm's principals, Heather D. Nadler and Mark E. Biernath, have more than 20 years of experience in the sector and are in-demand speakers and authors of vital subject matter content. For more information, visit www.nadlerbiernath.com.

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