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James. J. Ruggiero, Jr. Earns Board Certification as an Elite Estate Planning Law Specialist

PAOLI, PA February 14, 2014 - James. J. Ruggiero, Jr. has demonstrated a high level of professionalism and commitment to specialization in estate planning by earning board certification as an Estate Planning Law Specialist (EPLS), awarded by the Estate Law Specialist Board, Inc. This is an organization accredited by the American Bar Association and affiliated with the National Association of Estate Planners & Councils. Mr. Ruggiero is the managing partner of Ruggiero Law Offices LLC with two locations in Pennsylvania: Paoli and Saucon Valley.

“Technology has caused information to be commoditized. I believe there is no substitute for knowledge, and I am proud to expand my education in estate planning with the EPLS certification,” said James Ruggiero.

In addition to the prestigious EPLS board certification, Mr. Ruggiero was named a Top Attorney in Trusts and Estates & Elder Law in Main Line Today Magazine in 2009, 2011, and 2012. He has earned the Five Star Wealth Manager, Best in Client Satisfaction Award from 2009 to 2013. And he is an Accredited Estate Planner® (AEP®), a graduate-level specialization in estate planning awarded to professionals with a minimum of 5 years of estate planning experience.

To become Board-certified as an Estate Planning Law Specialist, an attorney must have:

- Favorable recommendations from at least five unaffiliated colleagues
- At least 36 hours of continuing legal education credits within last three years
- Passing grade on the comprehensive examination in estate planning
- One third of his or her practice devoted to estate planning for a minimum of five years

Candidates cannot self-nominate, and they must demonstrate the enhanced level of skill and expertise required for this designation. Attorneys cannot pay a fee to be considered.

The Estate Law Specialist Board, Inc. is an attorney-run affiliate of the National Association of Estate Planners & Councils in Cleveland, Ohio. It is the only ABA-accredited program for certification of an attorney as an Estate Planning Law Specialist.

For more information about the Estate Law Specialist Board, Inc. program, contact Susan Austen Carney, Administrator, Estate Law Specialist Board, Inc., 1120 Chester Avenue, Suite 470, Cleveland, Ohio 44114. Or call toll-free: (866)226-2224. For more details, see www.naepc.org.