

## **MICHAEL J. MCGUIRE**

Attorney at Law &  
President of the California Elder Law Center

Michael McGuire's depth of experience is unique and has proven very valuable to the clients of the California Elder Law Center and in his role as an active advocate for seniors on the national and state level. McGuire was born and raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, received his college education at Arizona State University and went to law school in West Los Angeles.

McGuire is a recognized speaker, having appeared on television and addressed national audiences on senior issues. His radio show, "Elder Answers" on KRLA 870 was followed with a very successful television show by the same name on Charter Cable in Long Beach.

A great believer in our duty to be of service to others, McGuire is active within his community and profession and speaks regularly before seniors throughout California. In addition, he provides leadership and educational experiences for professionals serving the needs of seniors.

### **Professional Associations**

McGuire has been a member of the State Bar of California's Speaker Bureau and provided continuing education sessions for other attorneys through the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA) in Washington, D.C. and San Francisco. He has also provided educational sessions for professionals throughout So. California. McGuire served a three year term on the California Department of Insurance's Curriculum Board, a member of workgroups that created the current educational outlines for annuities and long-term care insurance training standards for California. He has served at the state and national level for National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, been a member of the Annuity Task Force of NAELA, served as the president of the So. California Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA) and has held many elected offices within that organization.

### **Advocacy Work**

An advocate for seniors, the disabled and veterans in California, McGuire, as the Chairman of the Joint Advocacy Committee for California NAELA since 2004, has participated in on-going efforts to protect benefits and entitlements in California, participating in meetings in Sacramento and teleconferences with DHCS management and leadership. McGuire was chosen as the Member of the Year by the Northern California and Southern California Chapters of NAELA in recognition of his advocacy effectiveness and success. McGuire is a member of the Life Care Planning Law Firms Association, seeking to create a better outcome for seniors and the families caring for them. McGuire is a member of the National Organization of Veterans Attorneys (NOVA) and is accredited by the Veterans Administration to represent vets and their spouses before the Veterans Administration and

frequently volunteers his own time and that of his organization to serve the needs of veterans and their families in So. California.

### **Community Involvement**

In his community, McGuire has served in service organizations for over thirty years. He has been president of the Kiwanis Club of Long Beach and currently serves as the Chair of the Endowment Fund and participated in international meetings to serve the needs of children. He served as a member of the Board of the Community Hospital Foundation and worked on that Board's Executive Committee for two years. After a three year term as president of the Beacon House in San Pedro, he was recognized by elected officials from the City of Los Angeles, the County of Los Angeles and the State of California. McGuire served as the first non-medical professional on the Southern California Organ Procurement Committee and the Regional Organ Procurement Association.

### **Currently**

McGuire and the California Elder Law Center specialize in obtaining entitlements to pay for the quality of care seniors facing long-term care issues need. McGuire is also an expert in helping seniors protect their homes from liens, legally keep their life savings and obtain the best possible care. Over the years, the firm has developed unique resources and insights into senior issues, including Alzheimer's disease and dementia issues.

McGuire, and his wife, Vivien, also an attorney, currently live in Long Beach and La Quinta. His son, Sean, joined the firm as a Veterans Benefits Coordinator, providing counseling and services to veterans.