

# Elder Law News Fall 2008

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## Law Student Day at NAELA Conference

Thursday Oct. 23, 2008 is “Law Student Day” at the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA) Advanced Elder Law Institute being held at the InterContinental Kansas City (hotel) at the Plaza. The conference runs from October 23-26, 2008. On Thursday Oct. 23 Law Students may attend the full day program without charge. The day includes presentations and opportunities to network with Elder Law practitioners from across the country. Special thanks for this opportunity go to **Craig Reaves, NAELA President** and KU Law Alumnus. Reaves practices elder law in Kansas City and is an adjunct professor of elder law at both KU and UMKC law schools. This semester he is teaching Introduction to Elder Law at KU Law. For more information on the Conference, see the NAELA website [www.naela.com](http://www.naela.com).

## Clinic News

Congratulations to third-year student **Karen Collier**, author of “The Value of Internships” which appeared in the Law Students’ Corner of the Kansas Bar Association Journal, Sept. 2008 p. 12. Karen wrote about her experiences in the **Elder Law Externship** during 2007-08, as well as a summer externship with the Sedgwick County District Attorney.

Students in the **Elder Law Externship** work with Kansas Legal Services offices to provide legal advice to senior citizens in Kansas. The Externship is directed by **Marilyn Harp**, KU Law Graduate and Executive Director of Kansas Legal Services.

Kansas Legal Services is also providing supervision for law students who are enrolled in the **Family Health Care Legal Services Clinic**. The law school’s newest clinic is a medical-legal collaboration in which indigent patients seeking medical care can also receive legal services. Students who participated in the initial semester observed how legal problems can impact health issues for low-income clients. Health issues and low incomes are common in the senior population, making this a very attractive clinical offering for the student interested in Elder Law. Funding for the clinic has been provided by the Sunflower Foundation: Health Care for Kansans. [KU News Release Aug. 27, 2008.](#)

## Gerontology Faculty Colloquium Series

The KU Gerontology Center Faculty Colloquium series emphasizes the **inter-disciplinary** nature of gerontology and is an excellent way to learn about aging from different perspectives. Students are encouraged to attend the sessions, which are held in Room 2094, Dole Human Development Center. The Fall 2008 series started September 11, 2008 with a presentation by **Randolph Nudo**, Director, Landon Center on Aging, KU Medical Center. His topic was on “Roadblocks and Detours in Recovery after Stroke.” The schedule for the rest of the semester includes:

October 2, 2008 “The Timing of Retirement: Later and Later and Why” **David J. Ekerdt**, Director, Gerontology Center & Professor of Sociology

November 6, 2008 “Designing the Last HomePlace” **Bill Carswell**, School of Architecture and Urban Planning

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## Elder Law LL.M. News

Congratulations to **Elizabeth (Betsy) Tedrow** recipient of the second LL.M. in Elder Law awarded by the University of Kansas! Betsy earned her J.D. from KU Law in 1987, and worked at the Federal Reserve Bank in Kansas City before enrolling in the LL.M. program. She completed requirements for the LL.M. in Elder Law in May 2008. Betsy is currently a Senior Vice-President at Country Club Trust Company in Kansas City. Betsy took an interdisciplinary approach to her thesis “Therapeutic Jurisprudence and Cultural Perspectives on Advance Directives.” KU was the first law school in the United States to offer an LL.M. (Master of Law and Letters) in Elder Law. The first degree was awarded in May 2007.

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