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**Special Needs Alliance Congratulates Member Steve Dale on Receiving
Prestigious Theresa Award**

April 30, 2010 (Tucson, Ariz.) The Special Needs Alliance congratulates member Steve Dale on the honor of being awarded the 2010 Theresa Award by the Theresa Alessandra Russo Foundation. The Theresa Award is given annually to an attorney whose exceptional efforts stand out in supporting and advocating for those with special needs. Dale attends the award ceremony in New York this evening with his family.

Along with the award, the Theresa Foundation provides a cash grant of \$2,500 to a special needs organization selected by the recipient. Dale, a committed supporter of those with special needs within his community, has elected to split the award between the ARC of California and the Contra Costa ARC, which advocate for the respect and quality of life of individuals with developmental disabilities.

“I have dedicated my practice to ensuring that our most vulnerable citizens receive the services they need and deserve,” said Dale. “The current budget crisis in California threatens the vital funding needed to provide that support. It is my hope that this grant will help bridge the funding gap and inspire others to give as well.”

Dale first became interested in advocating for those with disabilities as a psychiatric nurse, and went on to become an attorney in pursuit of that goal. He is the founder of the Dale Law Firm P.C. in Walnut Creek, CA, which focuses on estate planning, specifically for individuals with disabilities. He is a member of the National Academy of

Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA) and a board member of the Special Needs Alliance. Dale holds a J.D. from Armstrong Law School and an LL.M. in Taxation from Golden Gate University.

About the Special Needs Alliance:

The Special Needs Alliance (SNA) is a national, not for profit organization of attorneys committed to the practice of disability and public benefits law. Individuals with disabilities, their families and their advisors rely on the SNA to connect them with nearby attorneys who focus their practices in the disability law arena. SNA membership is based on a combination of relevant legal experience in the disability and elder law fields, direct family experience with disability, active participation with national, state and local disability advocacy organizations, and professional reputation.

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