



# Press Release

## Takacs Delivers 20<sup>th</sup> Educational Program

Local innovator continues to transform the practice of elder law in the U.S.

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**Hendersonville, TN—April 17, 2009:** Author, speaker and nationally-recognized elder law expert Timothy L. Takacs returned from Long Beach California recently after teaching his 20<sup>th</sup> group of elder law attorneys how to implement a *Life Care Planning* elder law practice.

As the architect of the *Life Care Planning* approach to elder law, Takacs has transformed the practice of this unique specialty of law in the United States.

Takacs began developing his approach in the early 1990s, when he noticed that clients needed care-related services that were outside the scope of his traditional elder law practice, which focused on Medicaid applications, asset preservation and estate planning.

Deeply concerned about his clients' well-being, Takacs assembled a team of Registered Nurses, social workers and other professionals who work together to identify present and potential future care needs, locate appropriate care, coordinate private and public resources to pay for care, and ensure high-quality care. He called his approach *Life Care Planning* and created a business model to deliver these services in an integrated law practice, the first of its kind in the United States.

In 2002, he wrote a paper about *Life Care Planning* and presented it to the National Association of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA). His presentation captivated the 80 elder law attorneys in attendance and he eventually distilled his approach into a workshop called *Fundamentals of Life Care Planning*, a 1½-day program that teaches attorneys how to set up and operate a *Life Care Planning* practice.

Since delivering the first workshop to twelve attorneys in June 2004, more than 200 attorneys have completed the program, which is held quarterly in various locations in the U.S. Takacs also created an informal shadowing program that allows attorneys to see how a *Life Care Planning* practice operates. Since 2002, more than 100 attorneys have come to his Hendersonville office to watch him and his staff in action.



ELDER LAW PRACTICE OF TIMOTHY L. TAKACS

Today, more than 200 elder law attorneys nationwide practice *Life Care Planning*, supported by the Life Care Planning Law Firms Association (LCPLFA), a professional association that Takacs founded. Since 2008, the LCPLFA has been co-sponsoring the *Fundamentals of Life Care Planning* workshops, which Takacs co-presents with workshop alumni.

“It all started with an invitation to speak,” recalls Takacs. “It has been a landslide since then and shows no signs of slowing.”

Takacs will present the next *Fundamentals of Life Care Planning* workshop in Boston on May 20, 2009.

The Elder Law Practice of Timothy L. Takacs serves clients throughout the region from offices in Hendersonville and Cookeville. For more information about *Life Care Planning*, visit [www.tn-elderlaw.com](http://www.tn-elderlaw.com) or [www.lcplfa.org](http://www.lcplfa.org).

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