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## **David L. McGuffey, CELA**

David L. McGuffey is in private practice in Dalton, Georgia, with the Elder Law Practice of David L. McGuffey, LLC. Mr. McGuffey limits his practice to Elder Law. This means he helps elders, caregivers and persons with disabilities plan for their future. Although the practice of Elder Law is traditionally defined by a client's age rather than a particular type of case, much of Mr. McGuffey's practice focuses on helping individuals with chronic health conditions find, get and pay for good long-term care. We are, first and foremost, advocates for good care.

Mr. McGuffey is certified as an Elder Law Attorney by the National Elder Law Foundation and as an Elder Law Specialist by the Tennessee Commission on Continuing Legal Education and Specialization.

Mr. McGuffey attended Georgia State University (B.A., 1987; J.D., 1993). He is admitted to practice law in Georgia, Tennessee and Michigan. Mr. McGuffey is or has been associated with the following organizations:

- Member, National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys;
- Member, Special Needs Alliance;
- Member, American Association for Justice;
- Member, State Bar of Georgia Committee on Aging Lawyers (2010-2011);
- Member, Board of Directors of Life Care Planning Law Firms Association (also serving as Chair of Nominating Committee and Governance Committee);
- Member, Appeals Committee for National Elder Law Foundation;
- Member, National Citizens' Coalition for Nursing Home Reform;
- Member, Board of Directors of the Northwest Georgia Healthcare Partnership;
- Member, Advisory Committee, Ross Woods Adult Day Care Center;
- Member, Ethics Committee, Alexian Brothers in Chattanooga;
- Past Chair of the State Bar of Georgia's Elder Law Section (2007-2010);
- Past-chair of the Tennessee Bar Association's Elder Law Section;
- Past Chair, AAJ's Nursing Home Litigation Group (2006-2007);
- Past Bard Member, Northwest Georgia office of Georgia Alzheimer's chapter.
- Former Member, Advisory Committee for Peachtree Estates Assisted Living Facility.

Mr. McGuffey is one of three co-editors of the NAELA E-Bulletin, a weekly electronic newsletter that keeps 5,000 Elder Law Attorneys up-to-date on news and case law related to the practice of Elder Law.

Mr. McGuffey is a member of the Bar of:

- The State Bar of Georgia, admitted in 1993;
- The Supreme Court of Georgia;
- The Georgia Court of Appeals;
- The Tennessee Bar Association, admitted in 2000;
- The State Bar of Michigan, admitted in 2003;
- The (U.S.) Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, admitted in 1995;
- The (U.S.) Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, admitted in 2002;
- The U.S. District Courts for the Northern District of Georgia;
- The U.S. District Courts for the Middle District of Georgia;
- The U.S. District Court for Eastern District of Tennessee;
- The U.S. Court of Federal Claims;
- The Conasauga Judicial Circuit;
- The Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit;
- Chattanooga Bar Association.

Among other cases, Mr. McGuffey was involved in the following litigation:

- *In re: Estate of Smith*, 2006 Tenn. App. LEXIS 715;
- *NHC-Nashville Fire Litigation* (Davidson County, Tennessee);
- *Brogdon v. NHC Healthcare of Ft. Oglethorpe*, 103 F.Supp.2d 1322 (2000);
- *Gee v. Reingold*, 259 Ga. App. 894 (2003);
- *In re W.P.H.*, 249 Ga. App. 890 (2001);
- *American National Property & Casualty Company v. Potts*, 243 Ga. App. 645 (2000).

Mr. McGuffey writes and teaches on Elder Law. Many of his articles are posted at [www.mcguffey.net](http://www.mcguffey.net). Mr. McGuffey is a trainer for the Life Care Planning Law Firm's Association and co-teaches a course of Elder Care Medication regularly offered through Conflict Resolution Academy in Metro-Atlanta.

On August 4, 2010, Mr. McGuffey began hosting a weekly call-in radio show regarding elder law and special needs law. The show airs on WBLJ in Dalton 9 a.m. through 10 a.m. on Wednesday morning.