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Greg Mallowney Awarded National Master Guardian Star Achievement Award

During the National Guardianship Association's Annual Conference in Minneapolis, Minn., Greg Mallowney, JD, NMG, received the National Master Guardian Star Achievement Award. One of the highest honors bestowed by the Center for Guardianship Certification (CGC), the award recognizes the person's exemplary work as a CGC National Master Guardian and demonstrated knowledge of advanced guardianship concepts, ethics and issues.

Mallowney has been involved in guardianship for over 20 years and is currently the Executive Director of Louisiana Guardianship Services, Inc. He works in a state where his agency is the only resource for guardianship services in the non-profit arena. He is committed to certification for guardians and has proved it by not only obtaining certification himself as a National Master Guardian (NMG), but also ensuring that each of his staff become certified as National Certified Guardians (NCG). Mallowney has continued to secure a line item in his state budget to send his staff to national conferences, because there is no local training available for the CGC required continuing education units they need.

Mallowney travels miles and miles in his work and is not only a great director, but he has a keen understanding of the issues of his clients because he works with many of them directly in the trenches. In the face of disaster when Hurricane Katrina hit, Mallowney had to move both himself and the operations of the Louisiana Guardianship Services out of New Orleans, and continue to operate with very little in the way of supportive systems to help. Wards of the agency were scattered across the South, as were the staff. In a sense, he operated a "virtual" agency for many months as the area recovered from the devastation.

Incredibly, at the same time and in the midst of the chaos, Mallowney was serving as the National Guardianship Association (NGA) President-Elect and managed to make it to the Atlanta board meeting where critical decisions regarding the management contract proposals were made. Peter Santini said, "I don't know how I would have managed the challenges of my NGA Presidency without his help and support."

Just a few short months after Katrina, and while Louisiana was still in a state of chaos, Mallowney stepped up to the plate as President of NGA, and successfully managed the transition of the organization to a new management team. He was also one of the first contributors to the very popular *Legal Review*, the pre-conference intensive on case law in guardianship.

Since his time as NGA President, Mallowney has remained active on the national scene. He is always willing to help, whether is it presenting a session at a Colloquium or conference, manning an NGA display as an exhibitor, running a Silent Auction, or, most recently, filling an unexpected vacancy on the NGA Board. He continues to be an articulate spokesman for excellence in guardianship.

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(Photo of Mallowney available upon request)

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