



# William Isele to Address Alzheimer's Association Annual Conference

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Attorney **William Isele** of the law firm of Archer, P.C., will speak on "Ethical Dilemmas of Alzheimer's Disease Care" at the 2008 Educational and Research Conference, presented by the Alzheimer's Association Greater New Jersey Chapter.

The conference, titled New Directions in Research and Care, takes place on May 9, 2008, at the Doubletree Hotel and Executive Meeting Center in Somerset, N.J. The conference is designed for professionals who care for people with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia disorders, including physicians, social workers, clergy, nurses, acute and long-term health care administrators, home care and adult day care providers, rehabilitation and activity professionals, and other health professionals.

Isele, Of Counsel in Archer's Princeton, N.J., office, will partner with Dr. Michelle Papka, PhD, a neuropsychologist at Overlook Hospital in Summit, N.J., to discuss how Alzheimer's disease creates a variety of ethical dilemmas for patients, their families and caregivers. Faced with medical decision-making, families struggle to evaluate treatment options, respect the individual's autonomy, values and wishes, and weigh quality-of-life concerns. Professionals struggle with medical, legal and ethical aspects of these decisions and with how to best assist families. The session will utilize case studies to explore how professionals and caregivers deal with these difficult decisions.

Isele is the former New Jersey Ombudsman for the Institutionalized Elderly, having served under five governors. He provides advice and representation to a wide range of health care entities, from individual practitioners to hospitals, long-term care facilities, and hospice providers.

Isele also represents individuals and families faced with the difficult tasks related to long-term care planning and obtaining compassionate and competent end-of-life care. He is an active and vigorous advocate for the rights of residents of nursing homes, assisted living facilities and other long-term care enterprises. In addition, he has served as a Patient Care Ombudsman under the 2005 amendments to the United States Bankruptcy Code.

In 2007, Isele was honored by the New Jersey Hospice and Palliative Care Organization as “Public Servant of the Year.” He is the author of two books on health care law.

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