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PROMINENT NATIONAL POLITICAL ADVISOR PHILIP HOWARD DARES TO SUGGEST “LIFE WITHOUT LAWYERS” AT DALLAS EVENT

DALLAS, TX (March 25, 2010) – Author, Founder and Chair of Common Good, Philip Howard will argue that abuse of the American legal system is costing Americans dearly at a March 30th event sponsored by the National Center for Policy Analysis.

Howard’s new book, *Life Without Lawyers: Restoring Responsibility in America*, explains that either through litigation or the fear of it, America has surrendered its everyday decision-making to lawyers. This, he says, has resulted in everything from “no running on the playground” signs to a 5-year old handcuffed at school by police; to diminishing health care quality and spiraling costs to doctors afraid of discussing treatments among themselves via email.

Howard will issue his warnings about the dire straits of American law at the Belo Mansion, headquarters of the Dallas Bar Association.

Howard has a long record as a prominent civic leader and public policy activist for both Democrats and the GOP. He has advised national political leaders on legal and regulatory reform for fifteen years, including Vice President Al Gore and various 2008 presidential hopefuls. *Media are invited to cover the event. More details at www.ncpa.org.*

WHO: Philip Howard, Author & Founder and Chair of Common Good

WHAT: National Center for Policy Analysis’ Economic Policy Forum & Author Series

WHEN: 12:00 PM Tuesday, March 30, 2010

WHERE: Belo Hall at the Belo Mansion; 2101 Ross Ave. Dallas, TX 75201

The [National Center for Policy Analysis \(NCPA\)](http://www.ncpa.org) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan public policy research organization established to develop alternatives to government regulation by relying on the private sector. The NCPA’s “Free Our Health Care Now” petition for free-market health care reform now has more than 1.35 million signatures with more coming daily, making it the largest policy petition ever presented to Congress.