

NALS Mission

NALS is dedicated to enhancing the competencies and contributions of members in the legal services profession. NALS accomplishes its mission and supports the public interest through: Continuing legal education and resource materials; Networking opportunities at the local, state, regional, and national levels; Commitment to a Code of Ethics and professional standards; and Professional certification programs and designations

NALS Code of Ethics & Professional Responsibility

Members of NALS are bound by the objectives of this association and the standards of conduct required of the legal profession.

Every member shall:

- Encourage respect for the law and administration of justice
- Observe rules governing privileged communications and confidentiality information
- Promote and exemplify high standards of loyalty, cooperation, and courtesy
- Perform all duties of the profession with integrity and competence
- Pursue a high order of professional attainment



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THROUGH
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AALS can

**provide your
support staff with
the tools to
become legal
professionals.**



**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR
LEGAL SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS**

What is AALS?

AALS is a non-profit professional educational organization founded upon the principals of service and continuing education to persons involved in work of a legal nature. In the same manner as the bar association functions for its members, AALS, through various programs, attempts to inspire legal staff personnel to obtain professional excellence. Continuing legal education is stressed, and emphasis is placed upon the confidential nature of legal work and adherence to ethical conduct.

WHO CAN BE A MEMBER?

Legal secretaries, legal assistants, paralegals, law office administrators, court reporters, librarians or clerks in any public or private office engaged in work of a legal nature may become members. Educators, students, judges and attorneys may become associate members.



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WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF AALS?

- To advance the education of its members through legal education seminars, workshops, meetings and articles in local, state and national publications.
- To promote an opportunity for members to seek assistance from others and a greater understanding of the profession among the general public.
- To provide an opportunity for members to seek assistance from others through networking connections.
- To cooperate with and assist attorneys, judges, bar associations, and their affiliates.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP?

Continuing Legal Education

We provide legal education that is beneficial to the cross-section of AALS members by sponsoring seminars on a wide variety of topics. AALS holds seminars throughout the year. AALS encourages all members in the legal field to continually seek professionalism through education.

PUBLICATIONS OF AALS & NALS

DIXIE DIGEST

The Dixie Digest is the official electronic publication of AALS containing legal education articles, reports and a schedule of upcoming events.

@LAW

@Law is a web-based publication of NALS that is provided to each member. It contains articles dealing with current developments in the legal field.

CERTIFICATION.

The association offers three levels of certification to its members through NALS.

CERTIFIED PP.

NALS offers paralegal certification to paralegals who have at least five years of working knowledge in the paralegal field and have passed the NALS comprehensive paralegal certification examination.



CERTIFIED PLS/CLP



NALS offers the opportunity to attain the PLS/CLP certification to persons with at least three years of legal experience. The designation shows the dedication to the profession and ensures that a broad working knowledge in many areas of the law has been mastered.

CERTIFIED ALP

NALS offers accreditation to persons entering the legal field who have one year or less of legal experience, or who have completed the NALS Virtual Legal Training Course (VLTC)



For legal assistants, legal secretaries, and paralegals, professional certifications have become the standard of excellence that many employers look for. Let AALS help you on your road to certification.