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Opportunities for professional and personal development abound when you join NALS. NALS is a tri-level organization composed of NALS, state associations, and local chapters, with each offering top-notch professional growth through seminars, quality publications, and networking. NALS offers several regional and national conferences each year with outstanding education and excellent speakers from around the country.

By joining NALS you have the opportunity to attend local chapter meetings, where quality legal education is offered every month. You can attend state association meetings (where applicable), where you will be exposed to some of the top legal experts in your state. At the National conferences, speakers from across the country address issues of national importance, enlightening NALS members with a national perspective. As a NALS member, you also receive valuable legal education via the *e-News* newsletters delivered weekly and *NALS docket* delivered monthly – both directly to your computer through your email address. The NALS quarterly publication *@Law*, is packed with informative articles and association information in an award-winning format. Members can stay up to date on timely legal issues through the *insideNALS* blog which provides for current posts from NALS staff and NALS officers.

NALS also supports members and chapters by providing other benefits, including:

**Affinity Programs** . . . members enjoy discounts on a variety of goods and services offered by Aflac, Avis, FedEx, Hertz, Liberty Mutual, UPS, and many more.

**Continuing Legal Education and Certification** . . . accreditation is available for you, whether you are beginning a new career or enhancing your current one.

**@Law Magazine** . . . all NALS members receive this award winning publication four times a year.

**NALS DOCKET** . . . a monthly update on current topics of interest to legal support staff is delivered via e-mail to NALS members.

**E-News** . . . this NALS update newsletter is sent to all members with e-mail capabilities every week and includes information on current NALS offerings and programs.

**NALS Education** . . . education and personal development is offered through a variety of training opportunities including Online Study Group, NALS WebEd, and through Legal Training Courses offered in partnership with Stetson University.

## CERTIFICATIONS



NALS offers members and nonmembers the opportunity to sit for three unique certifications dedicated to the legal services profession. The exams are of varying levels and are developed by professionals in the industry. **ALP...the basic certification for legal professionals** and **PLS...the advanced certification for legal professionals** are two certifications dedicated to legal professionals of all types. The third certification is dedicated to those professionals performing paralegal duties. **The Professional Paralegal, (PP)**, certification was developed by paralegals for paralegals. Each of the three certifications is developed by NALS and takes advantage of the more than 75 years of experience and dedication to the legal services industry only NALS has to offer.

**THE HISTORY OF NALS . . .** It was 1929 in Long Beach, California, and Eula Mae Jett along with several of her colleagues established a group that met and discussed topics affecting their careers as legal secretaries. The focus of these meetings shifted to education and the popularity grew. These meetings continued and the word of their success spread across the country. By 1949 chapters had developed similar groups and the National Association of Legal Secretaries was formed. NALS began to hold meetings not only on the local level but expanded to include state, regional, and even national meetings focusing on the legal services industry. This was the first time anything of this nature would take place.



NALS was formed and began moving ahead with the goal of enhancing the careers of legal secretaries. As the profession evolved so did NALS. The information needed by legal secretaries was changing along with their job descriptions and the information provided by NALS paralleled this shift. Diversity of membership reflected a changing legal services industry.

After several years of discussion on the topic of a name change to better reflect the nature and membership of NALS, it was determined that NALS would no longer be used as an acronym but rather as a name. This was determined because it was evident something needed to change but the rich history could not be abandoned. NALS determined to go with the new name along with the tag line "...the association for legal professionals" in 1999.

Today NALS remains a leader in the legal services industry offering professional development by providing continuing legal education, certifications, information, and training to those choosing the legal services industry as their career. NALS members represent every area of this industry from paralegals and legal assistants to legal administrators and office managers. Because of this diversity and an openness to welcome all members of the industry, NALS offers a broad spectrum of expertise to make the programs offered valuable to all members of the legal services industry. This allows NALS members to learn about other areas of the industry, making career enhancement as well as advancement easily attainable.

For more information regarding LSPG, LSPSC, and NALS, go to:

[www.LSPG.org](http://www.LSPG.org)



Legal Staff Professionals  
of Greenville



**Celebrating Over 50 Years**

**LSPG** serves as a local chapter of Legal Staff Professionals of South Carolina and NALS . . . *the association for legal professionals*. Since 1958, LSPG has provided legal training and assistance to the legal professionals of Greenville and its surrounding areas.

**LSPG General Membership** meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 12:30 p.m. at the Poinsett Club. Speakers from the legal profession participate in the meetings by providing educational presentations to LSPG members and guests. LSPG annually sponsors a Probate Court Seminar in the fall, with the assistance of the Greenville County Probate Court staff, and members volunteer their time to the Greenville County Bar Association assisting with special events. LSPG serves the community through annual contributions to non-profit organizations during the year. LSPG provides a great opportunity to network with legal staff and law firms from throughout the Greenville area.

**Seminars and Training** opportunities are also available through the Legal Staff Professionals of South Carolina (LSPSC). Meetings are held three times a year providing opportunities to participate in educational seminars and meet other legal professionals from throughout the state. Visit [www.lspsc.org](http://www.lspsc.org) for more information.

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