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NALS President-elect
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Challenges **YOU** to join the 2011-2012 Leadership Team!

Be part of the 2011-2012 NALS Leadership Team and take an active role in leadership service. No prior experience is necessary! Participation on a NALS committee will enhance your personal goals and professional growth, plus give you a clearer understanding of the inner workings of NALS.

Most of the NALS committees hold monthly meetings in the NALS Online Learning Center and communicate with each other via e-mail, an economical and “green” way to function as a committee. Though not mandatory, the national committees are encouraged to meet at the Professional Development Conference in March (March 10-12, 2011) and at the National Forum in Cincinnati, Ohio (October 13-16, 2011).

It is thrilling and exciting to be part of the NALS Leadership Team. You will have FUN getting to know other NALS members from around the country and will gain a sense of pride and accomplishment seeing your work come to fruition. **Accept the challenge to make a difference!**

@Law: This committee oversees the publication of NALS’ quarterly magazine and the monthly publication, e-Learn@NALS, a part of The NALS docket. The committee’s responsibilities include identifying and securing suitable authors for articles, proofreading articles, proofreading full magazine text, and preparing monthly editions of e-Learn@NALS.

Certifying Board: This committee consists of at least nine NALS members who serve for at least two years and who must be a PP or PLS in good standing. Two non-NALS members also serve on the Certifying Board. Although a PLS may fall under the category of “voluntary recertification,” she or he must recertify in order to serve on the Certifying Board. In order to receive exam-related training (including statistics and exam preparation), it is imperative that during the two-year term Certifying Board members are available to attend each Professional

Development conference held in Tulsa in March. Members of the Certifying Board are prevented from teaching any subject related to the certification exams while on the Certifying Board and for two years after their term expires. The Certifying Board is responsible for all issues directly related to the certification exams.

Education: This committee provides educational programs for NALS members, including legal training courses and certification study materials. There are two subcommittees that fall under the Education Committee umbrella: (1) the Education Products subcommittee is responsible for preparing and updating Mock Exams and Resource Manuals for various NALS certifications; and (2) the WebEd subcommittee is responsible for the topics and speakers for NALS webinar programs throughout the year. Some of the projects the Education Committee is responsible for include: arranging for education and professional development track sessions and speakers at the Professional Development Conference; arranging for education speakers at the National Forum; coordinating the Online Learning Center topics and the Online Study Group, as well as the NALS CLE Award, and Basic and Advanced Legal Training Courses.

Future Leader Development: This committee is in its second year and its responsibilities include providing seminars and programs via webinars, the Online Learning Center, or other venues specifically geared toward instructing and cultivating the future leaders of NALS.

Marketing: This committee is responsible for coordinating The NALS docket. This electronic magazine style newsletter includes information about topics covered on legal blogs and twitter, along with industry related articles and association news directly from the Resource Center Staff! E-Learn and Leading the Way are now part of The NALS docket. Marketing also coordinates E-News, the weekly newsletter sent to NALS members via email. Promotion of the various NALS programs is key. The Marketing Committee assists with the promotion of the NALS Award of Excellence, sponsors the Jett Awards, which showcase state and chapter achievements, promotes the professional development and national forum conferences, and is responsible for the NALS marketing blog and other programs to promote public awareness of NALS.

Membership: This committee's responsibilities include assisting state and local membership chairs in recruitment and retention of NALS members. The Membership Committee promotes membership in this multi-level association, prepares and reviews all membership brochures and materials, promotes student membership, and promotes diversity in the membership of NALS. New to the Membership Committee is the Young Leader Professional subcommittee that tackles the issues and concerns of the young professional in the legal industry.

Regulation/Certification Committee: This committee monitors regulatory activity across the country and keeps NALS members up to date on what various states are doing in the regulation arena. Regulatory activity means either state legislation or rules proposed or adopted by state bar associations or state courts that would regulate how legal support professionals do their jobs, and in some instances who may work in a position with a certain title, such as paralegal.

Text Development: This committee is responsible for drafting, reviewing, and revising the Basic Manual for the Lawyer's Assistant, the Advanced Manual for the Lawyer's Assistant, and accompanying workbook materials and instructor's materials.

NALS Foundation Board of Trustees: The NALS Foundation is an educational foundation dedicated to improving the value of the legal professional through education, research, and other activities. Foundation trustees are responsible for internal and external fundraising and developing collaborative support for its programs. The NALS Foundation funds keynote speakers at educational conferences, awards grants to chapters, states, and regions, and sponsors the Scales of Justice Awards.

The NALS President does not appoint the Foundation Trustees; they are appointed by the Foundation Chair. If you are interested in serving on the Foundation, we will notify the Foundation Chair of your interest.



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**NALS LEADERSHIP
COMMITTEE PREFERENCE
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Sign Up Today!**

Yes, I want to join the 2011-2012 NALS Leadership Team!

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			@Law
			Certifying Board
			Education
			Future Leader Development
			Marketing

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			Regulation/Certification
			Text Development
			NALS Foundation, please forward my interest to the Foundation

(Please indicate your first, second, and third choice.)

Name _____

Chapter/State _____

Preferred Mailing Address _____

Work Telephone _____ Home Telephone _____

Cell Phone _____

Home Email Address _____

Work Email Address _____

(Mark * as Preferred Email)

List your certifications: _____

Do you consider yourself "technologically savvy"? _____

While not mandatory, attendance at the Committee Orientation on March 10, 2011, is encouraged. You'll meet with your fellow committee members and set the agenda and calendar for your year on the committee. You will also have a LOT OF FUN! Will you be able to attend this meeting? (Yes or No) _____

Please return your completed committee preference form to:

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Join me on the NALS Leadership Team! I look forward to working with YOU.