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Iowa Association of Legal Assistants



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our mission

The Iowa Association of Legal Assistants (IALA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting and advancing the legal profession and the status of legal assistants/paralegals throughout the state of Iowa. Members of IALA vigorously work to encourage and maintain high ethical and professional standards within the field. The association was formed in 1987 when the Iowa Legal Assistants Association and Paralegals of Iowa Ltd. merged. These predecessor associations served the needs of Iowa's legal assistants/paralegals since 1981.

IALA became associated with NALA, National Association of Legal Assistants. Paralegals in 1998. Through this association, IALA is able to offer the benefits of national activities in addition to those on the state and local levels.

IALA membership levels

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

Any individual whose supervising attorney attest that such person is qualified as a legal assistant/paralegal and works at least three fourths of total hours of employment as a legal assistant/paralegal as defined by the American Bar Association and Rule 32.5.3 of the Iowa Rules of Professional Conduct.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Individuals who would qualify for active membership in this association except they are not currently employed as a legal assistant/paralegal as required for active membership; who have successfully completed the Certified Legal Assistant/ Paralegal examination administered by NALA; former members who are not currently employed but want to remain involved with the association

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

Any individual who is a student at any university, college, junior college, or other educational institution pursuing a course of study as a legal assistant/paralegal AND who submits an attestation of the director of said program that the individual student is a student in good standing.

SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP

Those members of bar associations or the legal profession endorsing the legal assistant/paralegal concept or involved in the promotion of the paralegal profession or educational field, promotion of the paralegal concept; or expressing viable ongoing interest in the legal profession.

the benefits of belonging

- Subscription to a Paralegal Periodical
- Updates on Laws, Rulings, and Activities Affecting the Paralegal Profession
- Networking Connections
- Website: www.ialanet.org
- On-line Access to a Membership Directory
- Members only List Serve
- The *Original Notice*, Newsletter
- Lorman Education Seminar Discount
- Placement Assistance
- Institute Paralegal Education Seminar Discount
- Reduced Costs at IALA Seminars
- Scholarship Opportunities
- Study Assistance for CLA/CP Exam