

# Application for Membership in NALS . . . the association for legal professionals

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Mailing Address:  Home  Business

Position Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Please take a minute to provide the following information:

### Your Specialty (choose one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Law Office Management   | <input type="checkbox"/> Business/Corporate    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Probate/Estate Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal                | <input type="checkbox"/> Bankruptcy            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Taxation                | <input type="checkbox"/> Litigation            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate             | <input type="checkbox"/> Family                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ |

### Age

- |                                   |                                  |                                |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Under 25 | <input type="checkbox"/> 25-35   | <input type="checkbox"/> 36-45 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 46-55    | <input type="checkbox"/> Over 55 |                                |

### Years Worked in Legal Profession

- |                                |                                |                                  |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 0-1   | <input type="checkbox"/> 2-5   | <input type="checkbox"/> 6-10    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11-15 | <input type="checkbox"/> 16-19 | <input type="checkbox"/> Over 20 |

### Number of Lawyers in Office

- |                                  |                                |                                |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 0       | <input type="checkbox"/> 1     | <input type="checkbox"/> 2-5   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6-10    | <input type="checkbox"/> 11-20 | <input type="checkbox"/> 21-49 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Over 50 |                                |                                |

### Type of Legal Office

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Law Office                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Government Service    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Court System               | <input type="checkbox"/> Self-employed         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Legal Department | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ |

### Sponsor Information

It is not necessary to have a sponsor to join; however, if a NALS member encouraged you to join, please provide that member's name and the other information requested if you know it.

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

### DETERMINATION OF AMOUNT TO PAY

NALS is a trilevel association. Please choose one in each of the categories below to determine amount to pay. Payment must be included with application.

#### NALS Member Dues (choose one)

- \$108 Member  
 \$53 Associate Member  
 \$19 Student Member

#### Texas ALP Member Dues (choose one)

- \$15 Member  
 \$15 Member-at-Large (where no chapter is available)  
 \$5 Student Member

#### Local Chapter Member Dues (choose one)

- \$10 Arlington LPA  
 \$15 Austin LSA, Inc.  
 \$9 Corpus Christi ALP  
 \$25 Dallas ALP  
 \$7 El Paso County LSA  
 \$12 Fort Worth ALP  
 \$15 Houston ALP  
 \$10 Lubbock LPA  
 \$10 Midland ALP  
 \$10 NALS of Amarillo  
 \$10 San Antonio LSA  
 \$10 Waco LPA  
 \$25 Wichita County LSA

NALS Member Dues	\$ _____
Texas Association Member Dues	\$ _____
Local Chapter Member Dues	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL DUE:</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

#### Method of Payment (choose one)

- Visa  MasterCard  
 Discover  Check/Money Order (Payable to NALS)

Name of Cardholder: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

BY SUBMITTING AND SIGNING THIS APPLICATION, YOU CERTIFY THAT YOU QUALIFY FOR MEMBERSHIP AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THE NALS CODE OF ETHICS. MEMBERSHIP IS NOT TRANSFERABLE.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

RETURN THIS FORM AND PAYMENT TO (if credit card used, fax to 918.582.5907): NALS Resource Center  
8159 East 41<sup>st</sup> Street  
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74145

WITH COPY TO:

Leatha L. Kopech, PP, PLS  
Membership Chairman, Texas ALP  
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Corpus Christi, TX 78403  
lkopech@albmlaw.com

# NALS Mission Statement

NALS® is dedicated to enhancing the competencies and contributions of members in the legal services profession. It 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;
- Professional certification programs and designations.

## NALS Code of Ethics and 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 the administration of justice;
- Observe rules governing privileged communication and confidential information;
- Promote and exemplify high standards of loyalty, cooperation and courtesy;
- Perform all duties of the profession with integrity and competence; and
- Pursue a high order of professional attainment.

## NALS Standards of Conduct

Integrity and high standards of conduct are fundamental to the success of our professional association. This Code is promulgated by NALS and accepted by its members to accomplish these ends.

**Canon 1.** Members of this association shall maintain a high degree of competency and integrity through continuing education to better assist the legal profession in fulfilling its duty to provide quality legal services to the public.

**Canon 2.** Members of this association shall maintain a high standard of ethical conduct and shall contribute to the integrity of this association and the legal profession.

**Canon 3.** Members of this association shall avoid a conflict of interest pertaining to a client matter.

**Canon 4.** Members of this association shall preserve and protect the confidences and privileged communications of a client.

**Canon 5.** Members of this association shall exercise care in using independent professional judgment and in determining the extent to which a client may be assisted without the presence of a lawyer and shall not act in matters involving professional legal judgment.

**Canon 6.** Members of this association shall not solicit legal business on behalf of a lawyer.

**Canon 7.** Members of this association, unless permitted by law, shall not perform paralegal functions except under the direct supervision of a lawyer and shall not advertise or contract with members of the general public for the performance of paralegal functions.

**Canon 8.** Members of this association unless permitted by law, shall not perform any of the duties restricted to lawyers or do things which lawyers themselves may not do and shall assist in preventing the unauthorized practice of law.

**Canon 9.** Members of this association not licensed to practice law shall not engage in the practice of law as defined by statutes or court decisions.

**Canon 10.** Members of this association shall do all other things incidental, necessary, or expedient to enhance professional responsibility and participation in the administration of justice and public service in cooperation with the legal profession.