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**NALS Mission Statement**

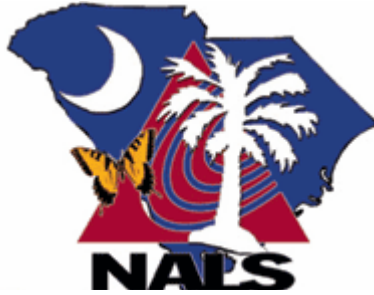
NALS is dedicated to enhancing the competencies and contributions of members in the legal services profession. NALS accomplishes its mission and supports the public interest through:

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;

Professional certification programs and designations.



## NALS Code of Ethics and Professional Responsibility

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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 communications 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.
- Integrity and high standards of conduct are fundamental to the success of our professional association. This Code is promulgated by the 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 the 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.

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**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.



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**THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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Feb. 09 SCLSP **Membership Meeting - The Marriott - 1:00 p.m.**  
**Speaker/Program:** Legal Trivia

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**FUTURE CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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March 01-03 NALS Professional Development and Education Conference in Tulsa, OK  
 April 27-29 LSPSC CLE Seminars and Annual Membership Meeting, Santee, SC  
 June 22 Region 4 Hotel reservation deadline, Chattanooga Choo Choo Hotel  
 ([www.choochoo.com](http://www.choochoo.com) – Group Code NALS4)  
 July 13-15 Region 4 Annual Meeting and CLE, Chattanooga, TN

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*NOTE FROM THE EDITOR*

**PLEASE NOTE:** The deadline for the **March 2012** issue is **Friday, February 25, 2012** (before the State Winter Meeting). You may submit your report or article by email. Original reports must be given to Chapter Secretary for the permanent records.

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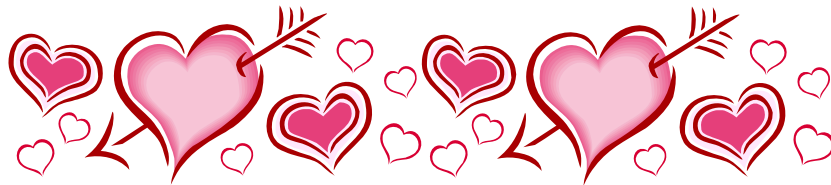
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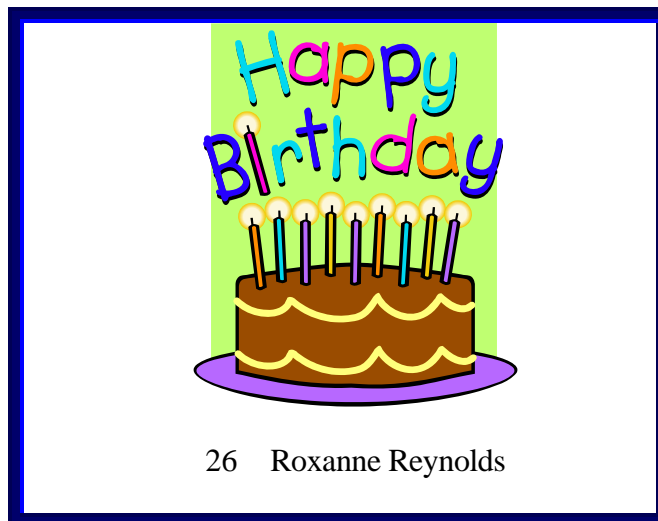
Love stretches your heart and makes you big inside.  
 Margaret Walker Jubilee

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We've got this gift of love, but love is like a precious plant. You can't just accept it and leave it in the cupboard or just think it's going to get on by itself. You've got to keep watering it. You've got to really look after it and nurture it.

John Lennon (1940-1980) Musician



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Being One of the Best Secures Your Future

Remember when being good at something meant you were on top or at least near the top. If you were good at a certain skill, you could easily get a job. Today, however, with technological advances, competition rising, and information readily available to anyone with internet access, the days of trying to stay ahead by just being good is gone. Being good isn't enough.

To get ahead of the competition in your chosen field, you must be able to become the best at what you do. But as we all know, in some industries even being great doesn't cut it! So how do you stay at the top and secure your position. You have to start making a habit of learning something new related to your industry and continue to update and polish basic skills like writing, public speaking, and leadership. There's nothing wrong with being good of course, but if you want to secure your future, you must do everything you can to be one of the best.

If you currently see yourself as a good employee, what can you do to become a great one? Even think for a moment about what you can do to become great in different areas of your life. Don't try to become great at everything you do, but do develop a passion for one thing you want to be the best at. The point is this just putting in "good enough" efforts will only get you "good enough" results. If you want your life to change, for it to be great; you will need to start putting in extraordinary efforts on a daily basis. Don't worry about outside circumstances that you can't control. Focus on what you can control. Focus on what kind of actions you can be taking each day that will lead you to that life you have always wanted.

Play, but play hard or don't even join the team. Second best is good but being the very best that you can be is always better and it may help to secure your future in a world where technological advances create a competition so strong that you can't settle for just being good at what you do.



Respectfully submitted,

Sarah L. Wallace, Paralegal  
2011-2012 SCLSP President

It is difficult to know at what moment  
love begins; it is less difficult to know  
that it has begun.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow  
(1807-1882) Poet



## FROM THE FUNCTIONAL DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

We will not have a speaker in February but, hopefully, we will have time to play a little "Legal Trivia". This is always a fun, learning experience and I hope everyone will be on hand to play along.

I trust you enjoyed listening to Kyle Clelland at our January meeting. Kyle is a delight to work with and I think he shed some light on what a judicial law clerk's duties and responsibilities are.

Respectfully submitted,

*Roxanne Reynolds, Certified PLS,*  
Functional Director of Education



Love is everything it's cracked up to be. That's why people are so cynical about it...It really is worth fighting for, being brave for, risking everything for. And the trouble is, if you don't risk anything, you risk even more.

Erica Jong, *How To Save Your Own Life*

## CONFERENCES

***Make the Most Out of Your Membership...Attend a NALS Conference!***

### Professional Development & Education Conference



2012 NALS Professional Development & Education Conference  
March 1-3, 2012  
DoubleTree Warren Place  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

### Education Conference & National Forum



**61st NALS Education Conference and National Forum**  
October 18-21, 2012  
Sheraton-Portland Airport Hotel  
Portland, Oregon

**62nd NALS Education Conference and National Forum**  
October 17-20, 2013  
Atlanta Marriott Century Center  
Atlanta, Georgia

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# President's Day

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2012

## HISTORY OF THE HOLIDAY

The original version of the holiday was in commemoration of George Washington's birthday in 1796 (the last full year of his presidency). Washington, according to the calendar that has been used since at least the mid-18th century, was born on February 22, 1732. According to the old style calendar in use back then, however, he was born on February 11. At least in 1796, many Americans celebrated his birthday on the 22nd while others marked the occasion on the 11th instead.

By the early 19th century, Washington's Birthday had taken firm root in the American experience as a bona fide national holiday. Its traditions included Birthnight Balls in various regions, speeches and receptions given by prominent public figures, and a lot of revelry in taverns throughout the land. Then along came Abraham Lincoln, another revered president and fellow February baby (born on the 12th of the month). The first formal observance of his birthday took place in 1865, the year after his assassination, when both houses of Congress gathered for a memorial address. While Lincoln's Birthday did not become a federal holiday like George Washington's, it did become a legal holiday in several states.

In 1968, legislation (HR 15951) was enacted that affected several federal holidays. One of these was Washington's Birthday, the observation of which was shifted to the third Monday in February each year whether or not it fell on the 22nd. This act, which took effect in 1971, was designed to simplify the yearly calendar of holidays and give federal employees some standard three-day weekends in the process.

Apparently, while the holiday in February is still officially known as Washington's Birthday (at least according to the Office of Personnel Management), it has become popularly (and, perhaps in some cases at the state level, legally) known as "President's Day." This has made the third Monday in February a day for honoring both Washington and Lincoln, as well as all the other men who have served as president.



The information to be published will be strictly limited to the following:

(a) Employer's name (individual, firm, company, office, etc.)

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(b) Contact Person and telephone number:

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

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Position available and skills required:

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

Skills: \_\_\_\_\_

Employers who are eligible to submit Employment Information Sheets for publication in the Spartanburg County Legal Staff Professionals monthly publication, *The Speaker*, are as follows:

**law offices, courts, trust departments of bank, or trust companies, or in any public or private institution directly engaged in work of a legal nature, including all public offices of the United States, state, city or municipal governments**

**All completed Employment Information Sheets are to be forwarded to:**

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**EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION SHEET**  
**Employee**

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(a) **Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

(b) **Telephone number(s):**

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

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

(c) **Experience:**

Legal Fields: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years: \_\_\_\_\_

(d) **Position desired and skills acquired:**

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

Skills: \_\_\_\_\_

Only members of the Spartanburg County Legal Staff Professionals may have their Employment Information Sheet published in the SCLSA monthly publication, *The Speaker*.

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## MEETING NOTES



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enhance  
promote

## NALS MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

### Take Advantage of All That NALS Has to Offer

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