

## Certification Programs



### ALS -- basic certification for legal professionals

**Demonstrate your preparedness for the demanding field of law.** Become certified as an ALS. This designation is awarded after passing a four-hour, three-part examination. Attaining this goal demonstrates your commitment and aptitude for succeeding in the ever-changing legal environment.

### PLS -- advanced certification for legal professionals®

**How do your skills compare with the hallmark of a professional?** PLS® is the designation for lawyers' assistants who want to be identified as exceptional. Certification is received after passing a one-day, four-part examination, which demonstrates not only dedication to professionalism but also acceptance of the challenge to be exceptional. Personal motivation is necessary to attain such a goal.

### Professional Paralegal -- superior certification for legal professionals

**Dare to excel! Be the superior legal assistant you want to be!** Take the certified professional paralegal exam. Certification is received by passing a one-day, four-part examination, which includes substantive law. Step apart from your peers!

## linking legal support staff

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## Legal Staff Professionals of South Carolina

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## OUR MISSION AND GOAL:

Legal Staff Professionals of South Carolina (LSPSC) is dedicated to enhancing the competencies and contributions of members in the legal service profession. It accomplishes its mission and supports the public interest through:

- Continuing legal education and resource material;
- Networking opportunities at the local, state, regional and national levels;
- Commitment to a Code of Ethics and professional standards;
- Professional certification programs and designations.

## CODE OF ETHICS:

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.
- Pursue a high order of professional attainment.

## BENEFITS

NALS members receive several special features. The award winning national publication *@Law* is mailed quarterly to each member. One of the newest membership benefits is the *NALS Docket*, which is a monthly digital newsletter giving valuable information on NALS deadlines and offerings, as well as educational articles regarding the legal industry, member spotlights, and news from states and chapters. The *NALS Docket* is the voice of NALS, for NALS! In addition to these publications, members receive special pricing for educational conferences, books, manuals, and logo items from NALS, and special discounts on their products and services from several national and international by visiting [www.nals.org](http://www.nals.org).

Members of **Legal Staff Professionals of South Carolina (LSPSC)** receive a quarterly publication, the *Spotlight*. Members also receive special discounts for state educational conferences and seminars.

Members also receive exceptional educational opportunities through their local chapters and **Region 4 Conferences**, as well as local chapter publications.

## LEGAL STAFF PROFESSIONALS OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Legal Staff Professionals of South Carolina is chartered by and affiliated with *NALS . . . the association for legal professionals*. LSPSC is a part of NALS Region 4 along with Alabama, Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, and Tennessee. The association is non-partisan, non-union, non-sectarian, and non-profit based on the principles of service to all legal support professionals, attorneys, courts, law societies,

and the general public. Members must adhere to the NALS Code of Ethics and must be familiar with the Code of Professional Responsibility of the American Bar Association.

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

If you are currently employed in the legal field or with any government agency, you can become a member of Legal Staff Professionals of South Carolina. Membership fee information for the tri-level association can be obtained from the local chapter.

**Why NALS? Why Legal Staff Professionals of South Carolina? Why the local chapter? Because the members of this tri-level association are among the best in the legal field.** As a team we make things work. Legal teams need motivation and Legal Staff Professionals of South Carolina is the association that can plant that motivation.

Through networking, educational opportunities, certification, community outreach, and fun activities, Legal Staff Professionals of South Carolina drives its members into the future with confidence and professionalism.

The demand for certified legal staff is constantly growing and the need for professional legal staff is a must.

**Become a part of Legal Staff Professionals of South Carolina. JOIN TODAY!**