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On the Horizon

Region 1/Fall Board Meeting

July 9-11, 2010

Hampton Inn

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Sturbridge, MA 01566

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NALS 59th Education Conference & National Forum

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

Promises, Promises – was the name of the Broadway show that followed our state meeting in April of this year. It inspired me to give me pause for thought. As your NALS State President, it does remind me of the **promises** NALS has made to each and every one of us. NALS is dedicated to enhancing the competencies and contributions of those in the legal services profession. I was reading these words today, and they are not just words; it is exactly what NALS does for us.

This is the time for each of us to come together so that we can attract, retain and recruit members. As NALS members, we have grown as professionals and as “people.” I never dreamed in a million years that I would be honored to be your president! Let me know your suggestions and ideas so that we reach our goals. There are a number of potential members that don't know what they're missing!

I want everyone to know that my door is always open to each and every one of you. If there is anything that I can do, just call, write or shoot me an email.

I am very much looking forward to the Region Meeting in Sturbridge, Massachusetts this July. Wishing you and your families a very happy, safe and cool summer.

See you soon!

Marion

“Stay committed to your decisions, but stay flexible in your approach.”

– Tony Robbins

Dear NALS OF NEW YORK Members,

It was a pleasure to serve you these past three years as President, and I enjoyed my service to you as President-elect, Treasurer and Vice President over the past several years. I will most enjoy my tenure as Immediate Past President these next two years!

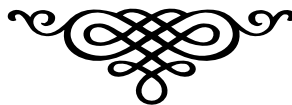
During my term as President, I became a mother-in-law and eventually was rewarded with a beautiful grandson. Playing Grandma is so much fun! All the joy and none of the cleanup!

I wish to thank you all for your gifts...not only the gift certificate, but the gift of friendship! I truly enjoy meeting new members and introducing them to the benefits of NALS.

Stay in touch with NALS...go to your local meetings, check out the state meetings, and perhaps go to a national conference! You will be surprised as to how much it will reward you!

Until then,

Denise



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2010 NALS REGION ONE CONFERENCE
“Think Big! Imagine the Possibilities!”

Hampton Inn
328 Main Street
Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-6466
or
1-800-445-8667

Room Rate is \$112 per night plus MA tax at 9.7%**
Reservations at this group rate valid until June 9, 2010
Make sure to tell them you are with NALS Region 1

**Please note that a Hot Buffet Breakfast is complimentary for all hotel guests!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
(Tentative-Subject to Change)

Friday, July 9, 2010

6:00 pm Welcome Party/Region Fundraiser event

Saturday, July 10, 2010

8:00 - 9:15 am Breakfast/Registration
9:15 - 9:30 am Welcome/Announcements
9:30 - 10:45 am Educational Session-TBA
10:45 - 11:00 am Morning Break
11:00 – 12:15 pm Medicaid Rules and Trusts, Michele Feinstein, Esq.
12:30 – 2:00 pm Luncheon
2:00 – 3:15 pm Collaborative Law, Doug Nichols, Esq.
3:15 - 3:30 pm Afternoon Break
3:30 - 4:30 pm Silent Auction and Foundation Raffle
5:30 pm Dinner (Optional Ticketed Event)**

Sunday, July 11, 2010

8:00 - 9:00 am Breakfast
9:00 – 10:15 am State Meetings
10:15 - 10:30 am Morning Break
10:30 - 11:45 am Region Town Hall Meeting

Registration Form

Name: _____ First Name for Badge: _____
Address _____
Home Phone _____ Office Phone _____
Cell Phone _____ Fax _____
Home E-mail _____ Work E-mail _____
Firm Name _____
Certification: _____ PP _____ PLS _____ ALS _____ Other (Please indicate) _____
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Member registration	\$115.00 Postmarked by June 25, 2010
Non-member registration	\$130.00 Postmarked by June 25, 2010
Full Time Students	\$ 60.00 Postmarked by June 25, 2010
Seminars Only	\$ 45.00 per seminar

Full registration includes: Friday night Welcome Party; education; Saturday morning coffee break; Saturday deli lunch; Saturday afternoon coffee break; Sunday morning coffee break.

**Dinner at the Publick House, On the Common, 277 Main St., Sturbridge, MA: \$30.00 per person, includes soup, salad, entrée, dessert, coffee, tea, and soft drinks.

If you choose to attend the dinner, please add \$30 to your registration.

Registration Deadline: June 25, 2010

Please make checks payable to **NALS Region 1** and mail to:

Toni VanSchaick, PP, PLS
NALS Region 1 Director
10 Edwin Street
Bay Shore, NY 11706

The cancellation deadline for registrations for this event is June 25, 2010. Due to financial commitments made by NALS Region 1 in advance to hold these educational seminars, no refund can be given for cancellations after June 25, 2010.

We will also be having a Silent Auction for the Region, so please bring an item!

DIAMONDS ARE ALWAYS A GIRL'S BEST FRIEND!

Our raffle item, donated by the NALS Foundation is a gorgeous diamond cluster pendant on a unique chain. A photo of the pendant and the raffle tickets are attached to this form.

Raffle tickets are \$3 each; 5 tickets for \$10.00; or 20 tickets for \$20. A \$20 purchase entitles the purchaser to one (1) premium ticket for a prize donated by our Region.



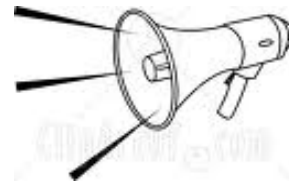
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Second Circuit Court of Appeals Electronic Filing

Effective January 20, 2010, electronic filing in all counseled 2010 cases is mandatory in the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. All documents filed in a case after the opening document - i.e., the notice of appeal, petition for review, petition for writ of mandamus, successive habeas petition, or motion for leave to file an appeal - must be filed electronically in the Second Circuit. See Local Rule 25.1. Specific instructions for filing an opening document, such as a petition for review of petition for a writ of mandamus, are set forth in Local Rule 25.1(c)(2). Attorneys must be registered both with the Court and PACER to file documents electronically.

Message from the PACER Service Center
April 2010



The PACER Case Locator which allows you to search for court records in all district, bankruptcy, and appellate courts is now available. The Case Locator replaces the U.S. Party/Case Index and provides enhanced search and display capabilities including the ability to:

- request lists of cases for a specified date range by court type;
- conduct searches based on chapter, discharge date and dismissal date for bankruptcy cases;
- access case information for the Judicial Panel on Multi-district Litigation;
- choose result formats, including HTML, delimited text, and XML which can be easily imported to other programs for analysis;
- change the sort order of the results displayed; and
- conduct refined searches within the results of a previous search.

Visit the Case Locator at <http://pcl.uscourts.gov>

The U.S. Party/Case Index will be available for the next few months to allow you time to become familiar with the capabilities of the Case Locator. Note that the systems will provide the same results for identical searches.

How to Recognize (And Avoid) PDF-based Malware

(a Quick Tip from CMIT Solutions)

The world of cybercrime is vast and varied, but you can still make at least one generalization that holds true: hackers will always gravitate toward popular sites and programs in the hopes of maximizing the reward for their efforts. Put another way, this means that most software with a wide user base has its share of security threats.

Adobe Reader is a common PDF (portable document format) software that allows you to read documents but not edit them. As PDFs grow in popularity, they are increasingly made the vehicle of cyberattacks. Adobe Reader has been repeatedly exploited by hackers. Many versions of PDF-based malware are triggered by the user opening an infected PDF file, which then gives hackers access to the computer.

One of the newer, scarier versions of Adobe malware sends out an update prompt that looks convincingly legitimate. It overwrites the real auto-updater function and opens up the computer to be controlled by a botnet. (Botnet is a jargon term for a collection of software agents, or robots, that run autonomously and automatically. The term is most commonly associated with malicious software, but it can also refer to a network of computers using distributed computing software. - Wikipedia)

If you want to protect yourself against PDF-based malware, you can do a number of things:

First and most importantly, don't open PDFs from people you don't know.

You can disable JavaScript in Acrobat and Reader. (Most attacks are executed via JavaScript.)

Use good antivirus software and keep it up to date.

Remember that individual software will occasionally require security updates, so you do need to keep an eye out for legitimate update prompts.

Closely examine automatic update prompts to make sure they're the "real thing." If it's misspelled, if the language is odd, or if logos or icons look like they've been altered, the prompt could be a fake.

If you're directed to a site to download an update, take a good look at the address bar. Legitimate updates to Flash and Acrobat will come from Adobe.com. Fraudulent ones will have a different address.

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