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**REGION 1**

**Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont**

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## “Special Acknowledgments”

Congratulations to all members who have renewed since March 2010:

|                 |                                |               |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| March 31, 2010: | Kathleen Ackley, PLS           | Maine         |
|                 | Harriet Clary                  | New York      |
|                 | Ann Penninipede                | New York      |
|                 | Tricia Roy, ALS                | Maine         |
| April 30, 2010: | Joanne Alley                   | Maine         |
|                 | Denise Altruda, PLS            | New York      |
|                 | David Barter                   | Maine         |
|                 | Isabel Baxt                    | New York      |
|                 | Peggy Bennett                  | New York      |
|                 | Ellen Birch                    | New York      |
|                 | Peggy Brann, PP, PLS           | Maine         |
|                 | Anita Cottrell, PP, PLS        | New York      |
|                 | Barbara Flynn                  | New York      |
|                 | Suzanne Hand                   | New York      |
|                 | Ann Herba, CPS                 | New York      |
|                 | Martha Howe, PLS               | New York      |
|                 | Donna Jancewicz, PP, PLS       | Maine         |
|                 | Heidi Knight, PP, PLS          | Maine         |
|                 | Monique La Touche              | New York      |
|                 | Catherine Lefko, PLS           | New York      |
|                 | Renee Lindsey, PLS             | Maine         |
|                 | Brenda Lyons                   | Maine         |
|                 | Karen Mills                    | Maine         |
|                 | Vicky Neale, PLS               | Maine         |
|                 | Anita Prince, PLS              | Maine         |
|                 | Josephine Ramon, PLS           | New York      |
|                 | Paula Rossignol, PLS           | Maine         |
|                 | Marion Sarcuni, PLS            | New York      |
|                 | MaryAnn Schroder, PP, PLS      | New York      |
|                 | Harriet Sharp                  | Rhode Island  |
|                 | Kathleen Tayne, PLS            | Massachusetts |
|                 | Linda Timberlake, PLS          | Maine         |
|                 | Antoinette VanSchaick, PP, PLS | New York      |
|                 | Diana Yohe                     | Massachusetts |
|                 | Cheryl Zeranti, PP, PLS        | New York      |

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|----------------|--|--|
| May 31, 2010:  | Mary T. Bioty<br>Anne Marie Caradonna<br>Dennise Navarro<br>Bukola Okuwabi | Vermont<br>New York<br>New York<br>Massachusetts |
| June 30, 2010: | Cheryl Clifford<br>Valerie Savickis-Cohen                                  | New York<br>New York                             |
| July 31, 2010: | Barbara Pomeroy, PP, PLS   | Maine  |

***I would like to offer a special congratulations to Mary Bioty, Vermont member at large for her 30 years of NALS membership! Way to Go!***

The Membership Count as of June 3, 2010 is 107, which is as follows:

|                |    |                |    |          |   |
|----------------|----|----------------|----|----------|---|
| Connecticut:   | 0  | New Hampshire: | 0  | Vermont: | 1 |
| Maine:         | 37 | New York:      | 58 |          |   |
| Massachusetts: | 8  | Rhode Island:  | 3  |          |   |

I am sad to report we did not recruit any new members in May. ☹

### Think Big 2010!

OK, we are three months into Think Big 2010, my goals for Region 1 were the following:

1. I would like to see Maine and New York retain their current membership and increase their membership by 10%; Maine would have to recruit 4 new members and New York would have to recruit 6 new members.
2. I would like to see current members in MA renew their memberships; recruit at least three new members; and a chapter formed.
3. I would like to see Rhode Island and Vermont increase their numbers and form chapters.
4. I would like to recruit members in Connecticut and New Hampshire and see chapters formed.

### Update:

1. Maine lost 8 members and added 3, for a net loss of 5; New York lost 14 members and added 3, for a net loss of 11.
2. Massachusetts lost 1 member and added 1 member, so Massachusetts is even, at this time.
3. Rhode Island lost 1 member and added 1 member, so Rhode Island is even at this time; Vermont remains at 1 member at large.
4. We have not recruited any members in Connecticut or New Hampshire.

Overall, we had a decrease of 11.57% from March 2010 to June 2010, which is the largest of all of the regions; therefore, Team Turquoise remains in last place. Furthermore, we are down by 23.57% from June 2009.

My recommendation is that we need to become more proactive in getting our members to renew.

My advice to the local membership chairs and state membership chairs (LMC's and SMC's) is to request your local and state membership rosters monthly from Saundra Bates; her e-mail is [bates@nals.org](mailto:bates@nals.org). She will e-mail you the roster promptly. Then, follow up with those members who are up for renewal, and with those members who have been dropped from the roster. I have "rescued" many members this way from losing their memberships.

If the LMC's or SMC's are unable to do that, perhaps, they could appoint someone to make the calls, or send the e-mails. Perhaps, your state or local president, or your state or local treasurer, or a new member who wants to get involved, or a seasoned member who hasn't been involved in awhile and is feeling left out.

Also, as a reminder, if each member recruited one new member, we could double our region's membership, but if each member recruited **five new members**, not only would each current member have his/her national dues waived, but our region's membership would also amount to almost 600 members! **WOW!**

To encourage your participation, I have provided a NALS Membership Application in this newsletter. **See page 5.**

To get credit toward having your national dues waived, place your name and membership number, in the spots designated for "Sponsor's Name" and "Sponsor's Member Number". Your member number can be found on your membership card. When your recruit submits the application with your information on it, you will get the credit. It's that easy!

**Make sure you keep track of the names of the recruits to whom you give applications. You will need this information when it is time to renew your membership and receive your dues waiver.**



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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Mailing Address:  Home  Business  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home: \_\_\_\_\_  
Business: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Would you like to receive monthly legal education via e-mail?  
 Yes  No

Preferred e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Your Specialty:  
 Law Office Management  Criminal  
 Business/Corporate  Bankruptcy  
 Probate/Estate Planning  Taxation  
 Court Personnel  Administrative  
 Litigation  Government  
 Family  Real Estate  
 Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Age:  Under 25  25-35  36-45  
 46-55  Over 55

Years Worked in the Legal Profession:  
 0-1  2-5  6-10  11-15  16-19  Over 20

Lawyers in Office:  
 0  1  2-5  6-10  11-20  21-49  
 Over 50

Type of Legal Office:  
 Law Office  Self-employed  
 Corporate Legal Department  Court System  
 Government Services  Other

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

Check Membership Category/Categories Applied For:

Dues  
 \$175 International Membership (US Currency Only)  
 \$143 New Member Dues  
 \$53 Associate Member (educators, judges, attorneys)  
 \$19 Student Member (minimum 9 credit hours required)

Total Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment Method

Payment must accompany application.

Make Checks payable to: NALS®

Check One:  Check or Money Order  Visa  
 MasterCard  Discover

Account Number from your Credit Card:

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Expiration Date: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

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

There will be a \$20 charge for returned checks.

### Return This Form and Payment to:

NALS...the association for legal professionals

8159 East 41st Street

Tulsa, OK 74145

or Fax To: (918) 582-5907

Questions?

Call (918) 582-5188 and ask for the member services department

I agree to be bound by the Code of Ethics of NALS and the  
Bylaws and Standing Rules of NALS.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*Membership is nontransferable.*

*Please send a copy of this application to your local  
membership chair.*

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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

Room Rate is \$112 per night plus MA tax at 9.7%\*\*  
Reservations at this group rate valid until June 9, 2010

**Please make sure to call the hotel directly for faster service with your reservation and tell them you are with NALS Region 1 to receive the group rate!**

\*\*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 Changes to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Katherine Robertson, Esq.  
10:45 - 11:00 am Morning Coffee Break, Sponsored by *Suzanne Hand & Associates, Inc.*  
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) \_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
State Office \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Office \_\_\_\_\_

|                         |                                      |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 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, 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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| <p align="center"><b>SWEEPSTAKES TICKET</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Please print</b></p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p> <p>\$3.00 per ticket; \$5.00 for 10 tickets; or buy 20 tickets for \$20.00 and receive a premium ticket for a prize donated by Region 1.</p> | <p align="center"><b>RECEIPT</b></p> <p>Proceeds benefit the NALS Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit education foundation. Drawing to be held July 10, 2010 in Sturbridge, MA, at the NALS Region 1 Conference.</p> <p align="center"><b>You need not be present to win.</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Diamond Cluster Pendant</b></p> <p align="center">Return tickets to:<br/>Toni VanSchaick, PP, PLS<br/>NALS Region 1 Director<br/>10 Edwin St.<br/>Bay Shore, NY 11706</p> |
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## Speaker Bios

**Katy Robertson, Attorney at Law**, is a partner, coordinator of the firm's appellate practice group, and a member of its employment and health law practice groups. She focuses her practice in general civil trial work, with concentrations in business litigation matters, including shareholder disputes, securities litigation, and intra- and inter-company disputes, and in employment litigation, where she has represented clients in federal and state courts, as well as before the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. She also regularly counsels public sector and non-profit clients on strategies to avoid litigation and has conducted training sessions for managers and line employees on compliance with state and federal laws related to employment.

In 2007, Governor Deval Patrick appointed Katy to the Judicial Nominating Commission, a 21-member committee that recommends individuals for appointment as judges at all levels of the state court system. In 2010, the judges of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts appointed Katy to a Merit Selection Committee, an 8-member committee charged with making a recommendation on the reappointment application of a federal Magistrate Judge. She also serves on the editorial board of the Massachusetts Law Review and on the Advisory Committee to the Business Litigation Session of the Massachusetts Superior Court. She has chaired continuing legal education programs for the Massachusetts Bar Association on the discovery of electronically stored information and participated as a panelist in a number of other programs related to discovery and other aspects of civil litigation.

**Douglas D. Nichols, Attorney at Law**, At the law office of Douglas D. Nichols, Attorney at Law, we bring over 38 years of experience to people throughout Hampden County and Hampshire County in Massachusetts. We built our successful practice on a commitment to communication, taking the time to listen carefully to your concerns and making certain you always understand the status of your matter. If you want to resolve your disputes without the intervention of the courts, we offer collaborative divorce and collaborative probate services. As a trained mediator, attorney Nichols can also help you resolve your disputes in ways that are mutually beneficial. We also handle all aspects of residential and commercial real estate transactions.

**Michele Feinstein, Attorney at Law**, is a shareholder in Shatz, Schwartz and Fentin, P.C. where she practices in the areas of estate planning, including probate and the administration of estates, estate litigation and elder law, corporate and business planning, including all aspects of planning for the succession of business interests, and representation of physicians in their individual and group practices. Michele received her Bachelors of Science degree *summa cum laude* from Boston University, her Juris Doctor degree *cum laude* from Western New England College School of Law, where she was a member of the Law Review, and received her Master of Law degree (LLM) in Taxation from Boston University. Michele is an Adjunct Professor of Law at Western New England College in the LLM Program for Estate Planning and Elder Law, where she teaches Elder Law and Fiduciary Administration. Active in community organizations and a member of numerous professional associations Michele is a frequent lecturer for professional and civic groups.

Have you submitted an application for the **Future Leader Scholarships**? **The NALS Foundation is offering scholarships** to the 2011 NALS Professional Educational Conference to be held in Tulsa, OK at the DoubleTree Warren Place Hotel from March 10 – 12, 2011.

### Scholarships—

- are available to **Members-at-Large, Chapters and State Associations**.
- are limited to **one** scholarship per Member-at Large, Chapter or State Association.
- If application is faxed or mailed, the application must be signed by the nominating Chapter or State Association
- If application is faxed or mailed, the application must be signed by the Nominee.
- will be dated as received by the Resource Center.

*The scholarship will include early-bird registration fees and the networking dinner. (An estimated \$350 value.)*

For your convenience, I have attached a copy of that form to this newsletter, but it can also be found online at the NALS website.

If any of you have ever wished you could go to the Professional Development Conference, but you didn't have the opportunity to do so, imagine the possibility that you could attend and bring back information that would help you and your chapter improve its programs; expand your chapter's or state's membership; develop yourself, your officers, and your members both personally and professionally. Wow!

### **Well, opportunity is knocking! Will you answer?**

Since the deadline for applications is August 1, 2010, I encourage you to review the application, discuss it with your state and local members, and submit the application as soon as possible.

**NALS FOUNDATION**



# Developing Future Leaders

## NALS Foundation Scholarship Application

Nominating Chapter/State Association: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Scholarship Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the Nominee an Active Member as defined by NALS Bylaws?       Yes       No

Has the Nominee served as an officer?       Yes       No

List the Nominee's Association Involvement: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Has the Nominee attended a prior NALS Professional Development Conference?

Yes       No      If yes, date of attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the Nominee committed to becoming a future leader?       Yes       No

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Nominating Chapter/State Association/Member at Large:

I acknowledge my commitment to becoming a future leader in NALS...the association for legal professionals and agree to answer the Conference Evaluation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Nominee

*Scholarships are limited to a total of 20 for the 2011 Professional Development Conference. Scholarship applications will be reviewed by the NALS Foundation Trustees and selections will be made based on the applications.*

**DEADLINE IS AUGUST 1, 2010 AND APPLICATIONS WILL BE REVIEWED AFTER THE DEADLINE.**

## **Nominations & Elections**

**A call for nominations for 2011-12 Officers and Directors of NALS is issued to all members for the following: President-Elect; Secretary/Treasurer; Functional Directors, including: Certification Director; Education Director; Marketing Director; and Membership Director; and all Regional Directors**

You may make nominations for any of the above positions, but it is not necessary for you to nominate someone for each position. The qualifications and duties for each office are listed below.

**Nominations must be postmarked or faxed to the NALS Resource Center by August 1, 2010.**

**Ballots will be mailed to all members in September 2010.**

### **President-Elect & Secretary/Treasurer Qualifications:**

- (1) Be a member in good standing, both at the time of nomination and at the time of election.
- (2) Have been a member of NALS for a period of at least three years with no lapse in membership longer than ninety days.
- (3) Have been engaged in work of a legal nature for at least three years immediately prior to nomination. A candidate for President-Elect must have at least two years of service on the NALS board of directors in any position other than president or president-elect within the past four years and must have at least one year of service on the strategic planning committee within the past two years. A candidate for secretary/treasurer must have at least one year of service on the NALS board of directors within the past four years.

**President-Elect Duties:** Shall assume the duties of president in the absence of the president; responsible for matters of violation of the Code of Ethics and Professional Responsibility; shall perform such other duties as are assigned by the president or by the board of directors.

**Secretary/Treasurer Duties:** Shall keep the minutes of all meetings; give all required notices; be custodian of the association records; oversee the financial affairs of this association; perform such other duties as are assigned by the president or by the board of directors.

### **Functional and Regional Director Qualifications:**

- (1) Be a member in good standing, both at the time of nomination and at the time of election.
- (2) Have been a member of NALS for a period of at least three years with no lapse in membership longer than ninety days.
- (3) Have been engaged in work of a legal nature for at least three years immediately prior to nomination.
- (4) Have completed three years of leadership service in this association within the last seven years, one year of which must have been as a chapter or state president or served as a national committee chairman. A candidate seeking any position of functional director working directly with certification must already be a certified PP or, if the candidate does not qualify to take the certified PP exam, the candidate must be a certified PLS.

**Functional Director Duties.** Shall serve in a special capacity based on the association's strategic planning directions: education, membership, marketing, and certification, shall perform any other special assignments from the president, executive committee, or board of directors.

**Regional Director Duties.** Shall serve as liaison between NALS and members within a geographical location/region, communicating through appropriate state and chapter leaders; shall serve as coordinator of all regional education programs and other activities within the region; shall perform any other special assignments from the president, executive committee, or board of directors.

**Nomination Form**

Please fill out the following form to nominate someone for a NALS Board of Directors position. It is not necessary to submit a nomination form for every office. Simply fill out the form and click submit and you will nominate your choices for the NALS Board of Directors. Thank you for your nominations!

**President-Elect**

Name

Chapter

**Secretary/Treasurer**

Name

Chapter

**Certification Director**

Name

Chapter

**Education Director**

Name

Chapter

**Marketing Director**

Name

Chapter

**Membership Director**

Name

Chapter

**Regional Director for Region**

(please enter the region in which you are located)

Name

Chapter

**Submitted by**

(you must fill out the submission info below for your nomination to be accepted)

Name

Membership Number

Daytime Phone Number

**Nominations Must Be Submitted By August 1, 2010.**

**Thank You For Your Nominations!**

## Reminders

*NALS 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Education Conference & National Forum, October 21-24, 2010  
Chateau on the Lake, Branson, MO, Early Bird Registration Deadline, July 1, 2010: \$269.00*

For more information or to register for the conference online, information can be found on the NALS website at [www.nals.org/conferences/nationalforum](http://www.nals.org/conferences/nationalforum)

**Foundation Grant Deadline:** Does your Chapter or State need additional funds to increase membership, encourage certification, or perhaps promote marketing? Perhaps NALS Foundation can help. To be considered for a grant, complete and submit a NALS Foundation grant application before the deadlines for receipt of proposals, which are:

June 1, 2010

**September 1, 2010**

December 1, 2010

March 1, 2011

More information can be found on the NALS website at [www.nals.org/foundation/grants](http://www.nals.org/foundation/grants)

**Certification Exam Registration Deadlines:** Anyone interested in sitting for the ALS, PLS, or PP certification exams, the registration deadline for each exam is **August 1, 2010**. The exams will be held on Saturday, September 25, 2010. More information can be found on the NALS website at [www.nals.org/certification](http://www.nals.org/certification)

**NALS Online Learning Center:** Go to the NALS website to check the upcoming schedule of chats. The chats begin at 8:00 p.m. central time, which is 9:00 p.m. Eastern. All sessions (including the Online Study Group) will start at 8:00 p.m. central time. There are going to be fewer sessions with more in depth topics so you can make the most out of your time.

You can find this year's schedule at: [www.nals.org/onlinelearning/schedule](http://www.nals.org/onlinelearning/schedule)

### **Education Online**

Now is the time to join in on some great webinars! Here are the upcoming webinars available on YOUR computer:

NALS OLC, OLSG & Webinars

Mark your calendars now for these upcoming educational sessions in the OLC and WebEd webinars:

"Choosing a goal and sticking to it changes everything." - Scott Reed

**Thursday, June 17, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. Central –FLD Webinar re: Setting Goals, a Future Leaders Development session presented by Dee Beardsley, PP, PLS, NALS Past President FREE to members – and remember to register before Noon on Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup> for this webinar.**

Remember ---- you can access any webinar through both the Internet and an audio connection (with any telephone) OR you can simply access the webinar presentation (without viewing the PowerPoint presentation) by simply calling and connecting to the audio portion of the presentation. You can do this from any telephone anywhere! But you still need to register for the webinar (even if you will only be listening to the audio portion of the program – follow registration instructions below). Thank you!

June 23, 2010 – Education OLC presents: *Employment Discrimination* (1 hr. CLE) (FREE TO MEMBERS)

June 24, 2010 – Education Webinar: *Word 7*, Mary Chesser, Director of Learning & Development, Shook, Hardy & Bacon (1 hr. CLE)

**INSTRUCTIONS TO ACCESS WEBINARS:** To register for a NALS Webinar, simply go to the NALS website and under “Learn” (tab with drop down choices at top of NALS web page), click on “WebEd.” This will take you to the screen to register for the webinar you wish to attend. There are “how to” directions on this page and descriptions of the webinars offered. You just need to scroll down and click on the registration link (the title of the webinar) and it will take you through the registration process. You have until noon of the day the webinar is scheduled to register.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO ACCESS OLC/OLSG:** Members must first go login as a Member and enter your login name and password. If you have not registered as a member just go to the “Welcome” tab at the top of the NALS web page (it’s a drop down tab with “Member Log In” – click there). There are complete instructions to login as a member or to register as a member to access all the membership services. After you login as a member you will see a page with member accessed information. Simply scroll down to Online Learning Center (on the left-side of the page), click and you have now entered the OLC properly! The Online Learning Center page comes up with instructions, but you can simply scroll down and type in a "User Name" (user name does not have to match your Internet user name) and click "Connect," which will take you to the "Lobby." Click on "Show Rooms" and double click on "OnlineLearningCenter" and, voila, you're there! You can increase the size of the screen by clicking on the four arrows button (second button from the right at the bottom). You can increase the size of your font by clicking on "Options" (upper left, second button from left) then "Font Size." You can change the color of your responses by clicking on the four colors button (third button from the left). Yes, we do have emoticons and sounds which can be entered, but, particularly the sounds, can be distracting and my intention is to get you in, discuss the topic, and let you go within the allotted time. Also, you must participate every three to four minutes or you will be "bumped" out.

## **In Closing**

I cannot believe that we will be meeting in Sturbridge, Massachusetts in less than one month for our Region 1 Conference! I am so excited and looking forward to seeing everyone!

I think that we will all be able to walk away with some new information from the programs we will be attending, and that we will be able to let our hair down and get to know each other at the Saturday night dinner.

It is my hope that, on Sunday, we will be able to have an easy dialogue and exchange ideas that will help the entire Region grow.

Please know that I am here for you, to listen to you, to work with you, and to serve you!

In friendship,

*Joni*