

Briefly...New York

On the Horizon

May 2, 2020:
NALS of NY City and NALS of
New York Education &
Networking Conference
Reed Smith, LLP
599 Lexington Ave., 22nd Fl.
New York, NY 10022

September 2020:
NALS 69th Annual Education
Conference & National Forum,
Detroit, MI
Stay tuned...!!!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

NALS of New York has undergone some growing pains over the past two years, and as your President, I humbly apologize.

However, we need to get back to our roots! We need to get back to what works and so, we are in the planning stages of the NALS of NY City and NALS of New York Education & Networking Conference, which is slated for May 2, 2020 at Reed Smith, LLP in New York City. It is being sponsored in part by Reed Smith, LLP!

We hope you will attend. In addition to CLE programs being offered, we will be conducting elections of our Executive Committee Officers. We need you now, more than ever, to step up!

Participate in the nomination and election process. Nominate someone or throw your hat into the ring! Do you have an idea for a committee? Let us know! Do you like to write articles? Submit to Briefly NY! Do you like to teach or present? Let your voice be heard and teach us what you know. Are you a new member? Let us know! We will connect you with a mentor!

NALS of New York is here for **you!** It cannot exist without **you!**

I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you soon!

Sincerely,
Toni VanSchaick
President, NALS of New York

2019/2020 NALS OF NEW YORK, INC.
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NALS Mission

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- Engage legal professionals on their terms;
- Inspire legal professionals to want more;
- Enhance the careers of legal professionals;
- Promote legal professionals and the legal support industry.

NALS Code of Ethics & 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 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 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.

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.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

LOCAL NEWS:

NALS of Suffolk County:

NALS of Suffolk County has had many meetings this year, including a joint Paint Night with the Suffolk County Womens' Bar Association (SCWBA), which took place in July. The proceeds from the raffles were donated to the Islip Breast Cancer Coalition.

NALS of New York City:

Their membership count is now 11! Way to go! Keep on recruiting!

STATE NEWS:

NALS of New York:

Membership:

As of November 15, 2019, our total membership is 32 members! The breakdown is as follows:

Members at Large ¹ :	8
NALS of New York City:	11
NALS of Suffolk County ² :	13

Call for Nominations:

The Call for Nominations is now open! Please use the form herein to nominate someone to serve on the 2020-2021 Executive Committee of NALS of New York, Inc. ...the association for legal professionals!

NALS of NY City and NALS of New York Education and Networking Conference:

NALS of NY City and NALS of New York Education and Networking Conference is slated for May 2, 2020 at Reed Smith, LLP, 599 Lexington Ave., 22nd Fl., New York, NY 10022.

¹ Members at Large are members of NALS of New York, but they do not have a designated local chapter.

² NALS of Suffolk County membership includes Concetta G. Spirio, Esq. and Shari Sugarman, Esq., who are honorary members.



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and
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May 2, 2020

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New York, NY 10022**

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION sessions

**Come and network with members and
colleagues from other chapters from New York State**

**Participate in the Election of
the Executive Committee Officers of
NALS of New York...the association for legal professionals**

Interested in attending, speaking or sponsorship:

**Please contact Toni VanSchaick, PP
Cell: 631-948-3092
E-mail: ambievpls2004@gmail.com**

NALS (NATIONAL)³:

News:

Message from the 2019-2020 NALS Board of Directors:

It was great to spend NALS 90th Anniversary with those of you who joined us in Little Rock in September. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

NALS has experienced many changes over the past year, and the Board anticipates even more changes in our near future. We are committed to hearing the voice of our members and implementing changes as quickly as possible. Making sweeping changes comes with its challenges, but we are hoping to work through the proposed changes with as little disruption as possible.

While the Board explores the various methods of restructuring, Maria Easterly and the Board are running the day-to-day functions of NALS. We humbly ask for your continued patience and, most of all, your support.

A few changes we would like to highlight are as follows:

Governance Task Force. The Board's formation of the Governance Task Force was emphasized at the conference and members in attendance were encouraged to meet with the Task Force and express their ideas, comments, and concerns in person. The goal of the Governance Task Force is to propose changes to the current system that dictates how the organization is governed. The Board recognizes that members have expressed a lack of confidence in the current system and would like every member to have the opportunity to express their concerns. . Please reach out to Kathie Amirante, the Governance Task Force Chair, at prezkathie@gmail.com, to learn about the next steps and processes for making your concerns known.

Financial Review Committee. The Board formed a Financial Review Committee. This Committee will review the organization's financial statements and create reports to the membership. The Financial Review Committee is in the process of gathering and analyzing information provided to them by the accountant and will begin releasing reports on a regular basis as soon as the analysis is complete.

Board Minutes. The Board is implementing the practice of regularly publishing minutes from our meetings.

Board Meeting Open To Members. The Board understands that change is sometimes difficult and sometimes brings a level of uncertainty. But change can also be good and exciting as NALS begins our next chapter. We want to make ourselves available to answer as many questions as we can. Please join us for our first virtual Board Meeting. It will take place Saturday, November 16, 2019, at 1:00 pm (CST).

³ NALS information is taken from the NALS website.

Detroit 2020. Laleise has already begun obtaining sponsors for next year’s conference. The Board intends to begin working with the Detroit 2020 Conference committee to expand the education tracks (family law/estate planning, litigation, criminal, etc.), include a retired member track, include a health and wellness track (mental health, coping with stress), as well as add a full day of professional development.

Nals’ Year In Review – The Board’s “NALS Year in Review” slideshow highlighted:

- The redesigned website;
- Encouraging everyone to join a committee;
- The formation of the Social Media Committee, focused on digital marketing aimed at more than just our members);
- Announcement of the desire to establish the NALS Advisory Council, a body of members who are charged with communicating member concerns to the Board and providing their expertise to keep up with association trends for the Board;
- Announcement of the desire to implement a group membership rate category;
- Announcement of NALS University, a leadership development curriculum which teaches leadership within NALS, the NALS Foundation, and boards within members’ own communities;
- Announcement of an upcoming membership drive; and
- Announcement of the upcoming 20 for 20 in 2020 campaign.

NALS Announces 2020-2021 National Board of Directors

Results are in for the election of the 2020-2021 NALS Board of Directors. NALS extends a sincere congratulations to the newly-elected officers:

Nakia Bradley-Lawson

SLATED TERM: One-Year Term (2020-2021)
DESIGNATED POSITION: 2020 President

Laleise D. Curtiss

SLATED TERM: Three-Year Term (2019-2022)
DESIGNATED POSITION: Director

Teresa M. Garber, PP, CLP

SLATED TERM: Three-Year Term (2020-2023)
DESIGNATED POSITION: 2020 Secretary and Director

Darlene Howard Holt, PP-SC

SLATED TERM: Three-Year Term (2019-2022)
DESIGNATED POSITION: Director

Barry J. Pickreign, CLP, ALP

SLATED TERM: Three-Year Term (2020-2023)
DESIGNATED POSITION: Director

Each candidate received a majority “Yes” vote. NALS thanks all of those members who exercised their right to vote. The newly-elected officers will officially be taking office in March 2020.

NALS Announces Recertification Amnesty Period:

From November 2019 through March 2020, NALS will hold an amnesty recertification period. Any individuals with a lapsed or expired certification are eligible to participate in this event and take advantage of this opportunity. Contact cert-edu@nals.org for more information.



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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Pursuant to Article VII, Section 2 of the Standing Rules of **NALS of New York, Inc.**, the association for legal professionals, the Call for Nominations for the slate of officers to be elected to the 2020/21 Executive Committee of NALS of New York, Inc... the association for legal professionals is now open. The deadline to submit your nominations is January 15, 2020.

I nominate the following to serve as officers for the 2020-21 term:

_____ for President
_____ for President-elect;
_____ for Vice-president;
_____ for Secretary;
_____ for Treasurer.

_____ Signature
_____ Print Name
_____ Date

Nominations for the above offices can be submitted to Anita Cottrell, PP, PLS via e-mail to:
acottrellpls@gmail.com.

Executive Committee/Officers' Duties as set forth in Article VII, Section 5 of the By-Laws of NALS of New York, Inc...the association for legal professionals

President. The president shall preside at all meetings of this Association and at regular and special meetings of the executive committee and board; shall recommend appointments and committee chairs and members, subject to the approval of the board; and shall generally manage the day -to-day business of this Association. The president serves as an ex-officio member of all committees, except for nominations, and is a signer on all bank accounts.

President-elect. The president-elect shall assume the duties of president in the absence of the president, is a signer on all bank accounts, and shall perform such other duties as are assigned by the president or the board.

Vice-President. The Vice-President shall be chairperson of the State Membership Committee and work with the local membership chairs and shall perform such other duties as may be designated by the President or the Board of Directors.

Executive Secretary. The Executive Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings; give all notices in accordance with the provisions of this Association's bylaws and standing rules; be custodian of this Association's records; coordinate with the president or other officers in timely furnishing reports and other required information to the National Association; and shall perform such other duties as are assigned by the president or the board.

Treasurer. The Treasurer shall oversee the financial affairs of this Association under the direction of the board; sign checks for authorized disbursements; and perform such other duties as are assigned by the President or the Board.

**NALS OF NEW YORK, INC.
PAST PRESIDENTS**

1960-1961	Ethel Gage	Orange County
1961-1962	Marie Cognata	New York City
1962-1963	Betty Clemons	Oneida County
1963-1966	Evelyn Hodgson*	Onondaga County
1966-1969	Mary Ann (Crotty) Willets	Rensselaer County
1969-1971	Ruth Grosse, PLS, CLA	Queens County
1971-1973	Vivian Robilotto	Broome County
1973-1974	Anna Belle Webb	New York City
1974-1977	Tanya L. Reister	Broome County
1977-1979	Rose Mary Withun	Nassau County
1979-1981	Kathryn A. Long	Rensselaer County
1981-1983	Joan I. Belsen, PLS	Suffolk County
1983-1985	Anita Cottrell, PP, PLS	Onondaga County
1985-1987	Kay Winpen	Ulster County
1987-1989	Beverly Comstock, PLS	Broome County
1989-1991	Wanita Parker*	Saratoga County
1991-1993	Clara G. Smith	Westchester County
1993-1995	Blanche D. Scharfenberg	Suffolk County
1995-1997	Dawn Santos	Orange County
1997-1999	Barbara J. Knoles, PP, PLS*	Suffolk County
1999-2000	Mary Ann Schroeder, PP, PLS	Nassau County
2000-2002	Terry Thomas*	Ulster County
2002-2004	Mary Ann Schroeder, PP, PLS	Nassau County
2004-2006	Cheryl A. Zeranti, PP, PLS	Suffolk County
2006-2007	Diane Lynch, PLS	Suffolk County
2007-2010	Denise Altruda, PLS	Suffolk County
2010-2013	Marion Sarcuni, PLS	New York City
2013-2015	Antoinette VanSchaick, PP	Suffolk County
2015-2017	Angela Hennessy	Steuben County
2017-	Antoinette VanSchaick, PP	Suffolk County

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

1995	Beverly Royce Aulman, PLS	Nassau County
1996	Anita Cottrell, PP, PLS	Onondaga County
1997	Rita Buckley	Suffolk County
1998	Florence A. Smith	Westchester County
1999	Barbara J. Knoles, PP, PLS*	Suffolk County
2000	Terry Thomas*	Ulster County
2001	MaryAnn Schroeder, PP, PLS	Nassau County
2002	Cheryl A. Zeranti, PP, PLS	Suffolk County
2003	Denise T. Altruda, PLS	Suffolk County
2004	Diane Lynch, PP, PLS	Suffolk County
2005	Antoinette VanSchaick, PP	Suffolk County
2006	Josephine Ramon, PLS	Nassau County
2007	Christine A. Mersand, PLS	Lower Hudson Valley
2008	Marion Sarcuni, PLS	New York City
2009	Gina Negrin, ALS	New York City
2010	Christine O'Connor, PLS	New York City
2011	Joyce Margraf (posthumously)*	Suffolk County

*Deceased

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Or Member at Large: _____

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