

TYLER AREA ASSOCIATION OF LEGAL PROFESSIONALS



Affiliated Association of the National Association of Legal Assistants, Inc.
2025-2026 APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP AND/OR RENEWAL

Please see attached Membership Definitions for further details

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP (Check One):

- ☐ RENEWAL
☐ NEW MEMBER

MEMBERSHIP RATES (Check One):

- ☐ \$50.00 ACTIVE
☐ \$40.00 ASSOCIATE
☐ \$25.00 GOVERNMENT / COURTHOUSE

CHECK HERE IF APPLICABLE:

- ☐ NAME/EMAIL/ADDRESS CHANGE

- ACTIVE/ ☐ ASSOCIATE)
☐ \$25.00 STUDENT (ASSOCIATE) ID
required

CHECKS/MONEY ORDERS/CREDIT CARDS ONLY...NO CASH

NAME: _____

SPECIALTY AREA (if any): _____

EMPLOYER: _____

POSITION: _____ HOW LONG: _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____

CITY & ZIP CODE: _____

BUSINESS PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

CITY & ZIP CODE: _____

HOME/CELL PHONE: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____
(Month/Day)

I PREFER TO RECEIVE MAIL AT: ☐ HOME ☐ WORK

LEGAL TRAINING: _____

PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION(S): _____
(i.e., CLA, CP, CLAS, PLS, CPS, TBLS)

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND THAT I MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CATEGORY OF MEMBERSHIP FOR WHICH I AM APPLYING (see Bylaws). I AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THE BYLAWS AND CODE OF ETHICS AS ADOPTED BY THE TYLER AREA ASSOCIATION OF LEGAL PROFESSIONALS (TAALP) as well as the Code of Ethics and Professional Responsibility of the National Association of Legal Assistants, Inc. (NALA).

DATE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

COMMITTEES

THE REAL WORK OF THE ASSOCIATION IS PERFORMED THROUGH ITS COMMITTEES.
ON WHICH COMMITTEES WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO SERVE?

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| ☐ MEMBERSHIP | ☐ SCHOLARSHIP |
| ☐ NEWSLETTER | ☐ COMMUNITY SERVICES |
| ☐ EMPLOYMENT | ☐ LAW DAY |
| ☐ JOINT LUNCHEON | ☐ FINANCE |
| ☐ WAYS & MEANS | ☐ AUDIT |
| ☐ HANDBOOK | ☐ PROCEDURES MANUAL |
| ☐ NOMINATIONS | ☐ HISTORY |
| ☐ PROFESSIONAL ETHICS | ☐ SUNSHINE |
| ☐ LONG RANGE PLANNING/ BYLAWS & STANDING RULES | ☐ PUBLIC RELATIONS |
| ☐ LEGAL PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR | ☐ PROGRAM |
| ☐ PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & CLE | |

PLEASE MAIL YOUR APPLICATION WITH PAYMENT OF ANNUAL DUES TO:

(PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO TAALP)

TAALP 1ST VICE PRESIDENT
P.O. BOX 8613
TYLER TEXAS 75711

****The membership period runs from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026. ****

MEMBERSHIP

Membership levels are as follows:

➤ **Active Membership**

- (1) Any individual who has been engaged as a legal secretary, law office administrator, legal assistant, stenographer, typist or clerk in any law office or any person employed in the Court, the trust department of banks or trust companies, or in any public or private institution or office directly engaged in work of a legal nature, including, the public offices of the US Government, states, cities, counties or municipalities for a period of more than 1 year;
- (2) Any individual who has successfully completed a curriculum or full course of studies from an ABA approved or institutionally accredited school or a curriculum or full course of studies specifically prescribed for training as a legal professional from a non-ABA approved non-institutionally accredited school; or
- (3) Any individual who has successfully completed the voluntary certification examination given by NALA, who shall prove that certification or certification renewal by providing documentation of the same to the membership committee and is entitled to the use of the designation “CLA” or “CP”; or
- (4) Any individual who has successfully completed the voluntary certification examination given by the Professional Legal Secretary Association who shall prove that certification or certification renewal by providing documentation of the same to the membership committee and is entitled to the use of the designation “PLS”; or
- (5) Any individual who has been a member in good standing of any organized legal professional association for a period of one (1) year or more.

➤ **Associate Membership**

- (1) Any educator, judge, attorney or a university or college student in good standing who has interest in the legal profession.
- (2) Any individual who has been engaged as a legal secretary, law office administrator, legal assistant, stenographer, typist or clerk in any law office or any person employed in the Court, the trust department of banks or trust companies, or in any public or private institution or office directly engaged in work of a legal nature, including, the public offices of the US Government, states, cities, counties or municipalities for a period of less than 1 year; or
- (3) Any individual who is employed in some type of legal capacity and who is interested in supporting the profession but who may not otherwise qualify at present as an active member or may elect to join as an Associate rather than an Active member.

➤ **Sustaining Membership**

Will be granted to any individual, firm or organization who has rendered some special or distinguished service to this Association and who is not a member of this Association or who subscribes to the goals of this Association and shares the common interest of promoting the legal professional and in addition contributes annually to the Association an amount equal to or in excess of the current annual active membership dues.