

DIXIE DIGEST

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A Message from our President

Julie Nims

I cannot thank BCALP enough for an outstanding Annual Meeting. It was great to see everyone there and to enjoy the fellowship, food, and fun. We missed everyone that could not attend. The legal education was great and there was a lot to be learned. I would like to give a special thank you to Judy Whigham, PP, PLS, and my daughter, Brittany Nims, for an especially memorable installation.

Congratulations to our new officers and governors that were installed as well. We have an amazing EC and Board of Governors this year. Congratulations to our New Member of the Year, Magan Bedwell. Thank you BCALP for nominating me as Member of the Year, you have no idea how much your kind words and nomination mean to me. Thank you, Margaret Dawson, for the G.O.A.T. award as well, he sits proudly on my desk. 😊

We had one first timer at the Annual Meeting, Diandra Ruff from MALS. Welcome Diandra, it was great to meet you and hang out on Saturday night, we hope to see you at future meetings. Congratulations to all the milestone awards recipients and all membership achievement drawings recipients, we were able to give out quite a bit of money.

I would like to thank everyone again for entrusting me and having faith in me to be your President for a second time. I greatly appreciate all of your continued support. It is going to be a great year, and the annual meeting was just the beginning. Just a reminder that the Fall Board Meeting will be held via Zoom on a Saturday in October after the NALS National Conference.

Just a reminder that registration for the NALS National Conference is open and AALS is the host chapter this year. The conference will be held in Mobile, AL and we have some great speakers lined up. If you need CLE, you definitely want to join us. If you want to have a great time, meet new people from all different states, and have a great time networking, you need to join us. There is a payment plan option for registration, so be sure to go ahead and register and take advantage of the early bird discount.

Hope you all have a blessed and safe summer! If you have any questions, suggestions, comments, and/or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. And remember, Everything Begins With an Idea! Have an idea, reach out to me and let me know, want to keep it confidential, no problem we can do that too. The only bad idea is keeping it to yourself and not sharing or voicing it.



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VICE PRESIDENT

Judy Whigham, PP, PLS



Everything Begins With An Idea

We are looking forward to an amazing year and to coming up with ideas for AALS under the guidance of President Julie. With each member's help, we can retain members and add new ones along our journey this year. I would love for every member to recruit at least one new member or one returning member who has been out of the association for a while. I will do everything I can to help you to be successful in your recruiting efforts. And if you have any ideas for recruiting, please reach out to me and we will make it a team effort! Please contact me if you have any questions concerning the Membership Plan. You can reach me as follows:

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Please review my membership plan for the 2025-2026 term, which is basically a continuation of the plan that Julie Nims put in place as Vice President last year. Thank you, Julie! Please review the plan with your chapters and I challenge each chapter to set a goal to hold at least one membership event and/or recruit even one new or returning member whose membership has lapsed. Remember, too, that I have a very handy Marketing Brochure that prints out as a tri-fold and is great to hand out at chapter meetings to guests or anywhere you might have a seminar or other event. Contact me and I will be happy to send copies to you or send it digitally to print or forward yourselves. Baby Steps works great, so, start small and get some ideas flowing to Recruit, Retain, and Recognize!

Membership Goals:

Recruit; Retain; Recognize!!!

Focus: Reach out and interact.

We are only limited by our ability not to try and not to reach out.

Chapter Incentives:

Fall Board Meeting	Drawing for \$15.00 among Chapters with 5% increase.
Winter Board Meeting	Drawing for \$20.00 among Chapters with 10% increase
Annual Meeting	Drawing for \$25.00 among Chapters with 15% increase

Member Incentives:

First Timers:	Drawing for \$20.00 AALS Bucks to be used at the next board meeting on the AALS Funding Auction, drawing to be held at each board meeting.
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The member that sponsored the first timer will also receive \$20.00 AALS Bucks to be used at the next board meeting on the AALS Funding Auction. Member must be present to receive the incentive.

Membership Sponsor	For every member that you sponsor, your name will go into a drawing for a \$100.00 check. You must email me the new member's membership application to jwhigham@joneswalker.com , in order to have your name put into the drawing. The cutoff for entries into the drawing will be 10 days prior to the Annual Meeting. The winner will be drawn at the 2026 annual meeting.
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Fall Board	For every member that you sponsor from May 1, 2025, to 10 days before the Fall Board Meeting, your name will go into a drawing for a \$25.00 check to be drawn at the 2025 Fall Board Meeting. You must email me the new member's membership application to jwhigham@joneswalker.com in order to have your name put into the drawing.
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Winter Board	For every member that you sponsor from the Fall Board Meeting to 10 days before the Winter Board Meeting, your name will go into a drawing for a \$25.00 check to be drawn at the 2026 Winter Board Meeting. You must email me the new member's membership application to jwhigham@joneswalker.com in order to have your name put into the drawing.
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Annual Meeting	For every member that you sponsor from the Winter Board Meeting to 10 days before Annual Meeting, your name will go into a drawing for a \$25.00 check to be drawn at the 2026 Annual Meeting. You must email me the new member's membership application to jwhigham@joneswalker.com in order to have your name put into the drawing.
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Member Recognition:

Milestone Award	5-year Membership Increment Award/Certificates – recognize members reaching 5-year membership milestones. <i>This award may be eliminated due to NALS changing renewal dates to the same date for everyone. More information will follow at a later date.</i>
Attendance Award	Drawing to be held among members attending 1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd Board Meetings (seminars inclusive) for a \$50.00 check, to be given away at 2026 Annual Meeting.

Attendance Award

Chapter Attendance:	Drawing to be held among all chapters attending. Whichever chapter's name is drawn at each board meeting will receive \$50.00.
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TREASURER

Ed Clark, PP-SC



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CHAPLAIN

Marva Dean Little, PP, PLS



Here are some STRONG, POSITIVE AFFIRMATIONS to remember each day.



GOD is within her...She will not fail! (Psalm 46:5)

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Gina Harbison, PP, PLS

If you need a copy of the current Bylaws, Standing Rules or Procedures Manual, please let me know. I hope everyone has a wonderful summer and is making plans to spend time with your friends and family. Hoping to see all of you soon!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT NALS

[Events Listing - National Association for Legal Support Professionals](#)

2025 Online PP Exam (Partial Retake)

7/1/2025 » 8/31/2025

Time: July - August 2025

Chapter Treasurers: Filing 990s, Reconciling Member Dues, & Other Financial Fun

7/15/2025

Time: 1:00 - 2:00 PM Eastern

2025 Online CLP Exam (Partial Retake)

8/1/2025 » 8/31/2025

Time: August 2025

2025 Online ALP Exam (Partial Retake)

8/1/2025 » 8/31/2025

Time: August 2025



Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel

64 South Water Street, Mobile, AL, USA, 36602

Link for more info: <https://www.nals.org/page/2025conference>



DIXIE DIGEST PATRONS 2025-2026

Sandra L. Doerr, ALP	BCALP
Gina Harbison, PP, PLS	BCALP
Joan Latour	BCALP
Deborah Rutherford	BCALP
Judy Whigham, PP, PLS	BCALP
Ed Clark, PP-SC	BLSA
Teresa Kelly	DCLSA
Harriet Piper	DCLSA
Barb Hanley, PLS	MALS
Quinn Ruff	MALS
Kristi Skipper, PP	MALS
Debbie Whitman, PP, PLS	MALS
Magan W. Bedwell, CLS	MLPA
Babs DeKeyser, PP, PLS	MLPA
Alison Schemmer	MLPA
Sonia Smith, CLP	MLPA
Susan Turner, PLS	NOCA

In Memory of Barbara Malone, PP, PLS
by Judy Whigham, PP, PLS

In Memory of Cheri Loyd
by Alison Schemmer



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CHAPTER REPORTS

BCALP - Baldwin County

Judy Whigham, PP, PLS



Wow! That's all I can say about the 2025 AALS Annual Meeting at Orange Beach in April, hosted by BCALP! Actually, I can also say that we had incredible CLE, awesome vendors and sponsors, and everything seemed to go off without a hitch. BCALP really came together as a cohesive team and put on a successful meeting. It was great to have all the first timers at annual meeting and we missed the regulars who could not make it this year. Annual Meeting co-chairs Julie Nims and Gina Harbison, PP, PLS, along with BCALP were presented with a Resolution of Commendation for hosting the meeting. A highlight of the meeting came during the awards ceremony when our very own Julie Nims received the AALS Member of the Year Award! Julie always gives her best to AALS and we are all happy for her to receive this well-deserved recognition. Congratulations, Julie!

Now that annual meeting is over, the BCALP members who are on the NALS Conference committee have been busier than ever working with other AALS members to finalize speakers and events for the NALS Conference – some items had deadlines before annual meeting, so, it was a little nerve-wracking juggling all the tasks, but, we can take a breather now because the speakers and schedule have been finalized and the registration is open. We're hoping for a great turnout and reminding everyone to take advantage of the Early Bird pricing and sign up for the riverboat cruise, too, which is sure to be loads of fun!

BCALP held its March meeting on the 20th at Delta Grocery in Fairhope. We did not have a speaker and attended to business, specifically finalizing details of annual meeting.

BCALP's April meeting was held on April 17th at Ivey's Restaurant in Robertsdale. Special guest Jimbo Coleman, Esquire, did an outstanding job of installing our newest officers to serve in the 2025-2026 term. (He should be a keynote speaker!) Newly installed officers are:

President	Deborah Rutherford
Vice President	Whitney Bell
Secretary	Tracey Creel
Treasurer	Sandra Doerr, ALP
Governor	Judy Whigham, PP, PLS
Parliamentarian	Julie Nims
Chaplain	Joan Latour

In addition to installation, BCALP Secretary Tracey Creel was presented with the BCALP Member of the Year Award! Tracey has been a very active member, and this award was well deserved. Tracey embodies everything that a member should be, and she does it all cheerfully and with enthusiasm! Congratulations to the newly installed officers, and to Tracey Creel. Well done, ladies!

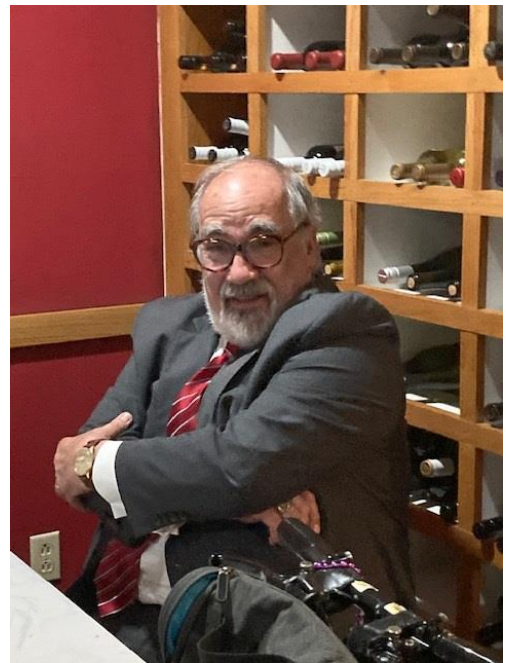
In addition to installation and Member of the Year, those sweet BCALP ladies surprised yours truly with a wonderful birthday cake and gift bag of goodies. I was just happy to spend my birthday with friends that I care so much about and having a great meal. The cake and gifts were an added bonus. They really know how to make you feel special. Thanks, BCALP! I ❤️ You!

With the new BCALP officers in place, our May 15th meeting was held again at Ivey's Restaurant in Robertsdale, and we were pleased to have attorney Lynn McConnell give a presentation entitled "***I'm Divorced – Now What?***" Ms. McConnell gave unique insight into navigating various challenges of the newly divorced.

The next BCALP meeting is scheduled for June 19th, at a location to be determined.



**BCALP newly installed 2025-2026 officers:
L-R: Joan Latour, Chaplain, Julie Nims,
Parliamentarian, Tracey Creel, Secretary, Judy
Whigham, PP, PLS, Governor, Whitney Bell, Vice
President, and Deborah Rutherford, President**



**The esteemed Mr. Coleman was
installing marshal extraordinaire!**



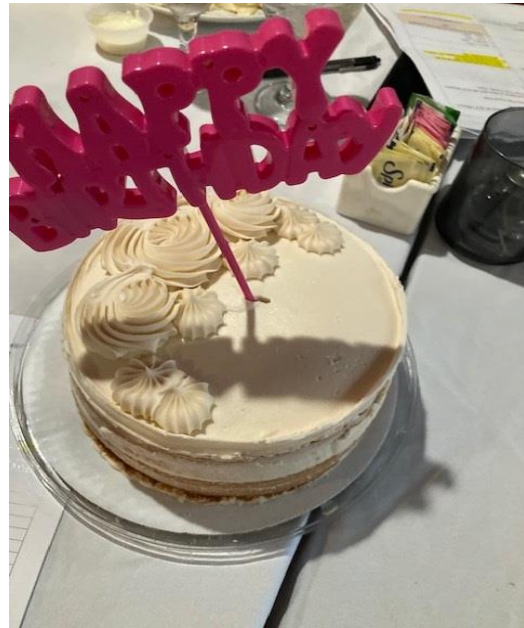
**Gina Harbison, PP, PLS, Awarding
Member of the Year to Tracey Creel**



**Passing the Gavel: Gina Harbison,
PP, PLS, to Deborah Rutherford**



**Surprise, Surprise! Turning 67
was lots of fun, thanks to BCALP!**



**This cake was beautiful
and delicious!**

BLSA – Birmingham

Kayla Bassett, PLS



Happy Summer!

Thank You BCALP for bringing the Annual Meeting back to the beach. All their hard work is appreciated. The speakers were informative and applicable to all of our lives. We had a great time.

We want to thank our outgoing President, Sonia Smith, CLP and her Board for an outstanding year. We all are looking forward to supporting our incoming President Julie Nims and her board and look forward to another wonderful year.

Congratulations to the AALS Scholarship and Hollis-Schultz winners, Valentina Piceno and Olivia Creel. Everyone is excited about hosting and attending the NALS Meeting in Mobile, AL this fall. I know the AALS Committee is working hard to make sure a good time is had by all.



DCLSA - DALLAS COUNTY

Harriett Piper, Governor Pro Tem

Dallas County and MALS will be hosting AALS Winter Board Meeting and Educational Conference for this 2025-2026 year and Teresa Kelly and I spent several days viewing and phoning hotels and meeting places. Dallas County and MALS are very pleased we were able to procure the Training Conference Room at Trustmark Bank, 310 Broad Street, in Selma. Dates for the meeting are Friday, January 23rd, and Saturday, January 24th (2026) and although we won't have a room block at a particular hotel, we will be furnishing information for local hotels.

I will go ahead and give a plug for Woolworth Lofts, (334) 375-3838, at 201 Broad Street in Selma where we had our Friday evening event at Winter Board 2022. Each of the five Airbnb lofts is unique and beautiful and reasonably priced. Check it out online and, if you're lucky enough to snag one, you're only two blocks from the meeting venue.

For more current news – Teresa Kelly and I are “early-bird” registrants for NALS annual conference in Mobile and we're so excited to be going. We appreciate Mobile and Baldwin County's hard work and time pulling this together. ‘

I'm proud that AALS is the host state association for this year's conference and proud that members of DCLSA will be attending.

MLPA – Mobile

Danielle Baker



Here comes the sun, doo-doo-doo-doo! (I am still singing off key!)

I first want to start off by thanking BCALP for hosting a great GREAT AALS Annual Meeting! We had a blast at the beach, and everything couldn't have been any better. Thank you again BCALP for always putting together an awesome meeting!

MLPA has been busy with our monthly meetings at T.P. Crockmiers and our EC have managed to continue getting us great speakers. We had Mobile Police Officer John Young speak with us about an organization he is involved with called “Men United Against Violence” in March. Its goal is to curb violence among teenagers/young adults.

We then had our April meeting where we installed our 2025-2026 Officers! Congratulations Alison Schemmer, Babs DeKeyser, Magan Bedwell, Sonia Smith, and myself!! We know y'all are going to do a great job this year. We then had our speakers ADA Stuart Lang and Judge Mike Windom speak regarding Veterans Court. We then had attorney Daniel Mims come and talk to us about Municipal Law in May. Again, we can count on our MLPA team to come up with interesting speakers and topics for us each month.

Now us Mobilians are going to go and continue getting ready for all our upcoming meetings including the NALS conference! We look forward to seeing everyone soon! Stay safe and have a great SUMMER!

MALS – Montgomery

Barb Hanley, PLS



Our AALS 2025-2026 President, Julie Nims, said “Everything begins with an Idea.” This quote is from Earl Nightingale. AN IDEA...George Bernard Shaw said “If you have an apple and I have an apple, and we exchange these apples then you and I will still each have one apple. But if you have an idea and I have an idea and we exchange these ideas, then each of us will have two ideas.” I like the idea of having two apples! The MALS gals have been bouncing off ideas with each other. Our May meeting was held at Tower Tap Room where we enjoyed some refreshing drinks and refreshments. Our attendance was 100% of membership. An idea of meeting in a fun place and having social time and meeting time was great. We discussed the Winter Board meeting to be held in January in Selma, AL. Kristi Skipper, PP, PLS discussed location for the Winter Board meeting and then discussion about speakers and also lodging pursued.

We have at least two members planning on attending the National Meeting to be held in Mobile, AL. Our charity is Mary Ellens Hearth at Nellie Burge which combats homelessness by providing transitional housing for homeless women with children. More than simply providing a place to live, our programs and services empower families to stabilize their lives, build new skills, decrease their dependency on emergency services and keep their families united and safe.

Their Mission: The mission of Mary Ellens Hearth is to offer hope, help and healing to homeless women and their children through Christian love and values.

The Idea is that each month we will bring requested items our charity has asked for. June we are bringing socks. July will be toiletries including deodorant, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc.

Our June meeting is being planned by Barb Hanley, PLS and Debbie Whitman, PP, PLS and as Thomas Edison said “To get a great idea, come up with lots of them.” These two have lots of “apples” and ideas about location.

I want to leave you with this quote about ideas....“No matter what people tell you, words and ideas can change the world.” – Robin Williams.

NALS OF CENTRAL ALABAMA

Susan Turner, PLS

Greetings from NOCA. It was good to see so many in Orange Beach. If you couldn't be there, you missed some great education and networking. Thank you for a great meeting BCALP!

Because of the NALS conference in Mobile September 29, 30 and October 1, the AALS fall board meeting is scheduled to take place online after the NALS conference. More info about that will be provided closer to time. Every meeting counts, even if it is just a business meeting!

I hope many of you will take advantage of the opportunity to attend the NALS conference since it is here in our home state. I'm keeping my fingers crossed that I can go. Until then, we wish you all a wonderful summer!

AALS PAST PRESIDENTS

**Let's take a look at and remember our Presidents
who have led and helped shape our organization for 63 years.**

Doris Davis - Mobile LSA, 1963-1964
Lu Hrabe - Montgomery LSA, 1964-1965
Helen Sexton - Birmingham LSA, 1965-1966
Merlene Schultz - Mobile LSA, 1966-1967
Teresa Edmondson - Montgomery LSA, 1967-1968
Teresa Edmondson - Montgomery LSA, 1968-1969
Janis Davidson - Birmingham LSA, 1969-1970
Janis Davidson - Birmingham LSA, 1970-1971
Judy Pearson McFadden - Mobile LSA, 1971-1972
Jane Lee - Tuscaloosa LSA, 1972-1973
Anna Fay Shaw, PLS - Montgomery LSA, 1973-1974
Gustava Hollis, PLS - Birmingham LSA, 1974-1975
Evelyn Watson - Huntsville LSA, 1975-1976
Evelyn Watson - Huntsville LSA, 1976-1977
Juliann Overstreet - Mobile LSA, 1977-1978
Pearl Austin - Birmingham LSA, 1978-1979
Ruth Garrett Bailey - Gadsden LSA, 1979-1980
Ann Haskew - Birmingham LSA, 1980-1981
Zelda Stokes - Montgomery LSA, 1981-1982
Jean Cochran Anderson - Gadsden LSA, 1982-1983
Kaye Fulbright - Birmingham LSA, 1983-1984
Faith Stevens - Mobile LSA, 1984-1985
Terri Burdick-Tuscaloosa LSA, 1985-1986
Terri Burdick-Tuscaloosa LSA, 1986-1987
Barbara Reed - Mobile LSA, 1987-1988
Janet Bradley - Calhoun County LSA, 1988-1989
Blanche Pappas - Birmingham LSA, 1989-1990
Lynda Matson, PLS - Birmingham LSA, 1990-1991
Mary Jo Dennis, PLS - Birmingham LSA, 1991-1992
Sharon Hite - Cullman LSA, 1992-1993
Tammy Denson, PLS - Tuscaloosa LSA, 1993-1994

Susan Turner, PLS - Birmingham LSA, 1994-1995
Ginny Cheek, PLS - Birmingham LSA, 1995-1996
Deborah Whitman, PLS - Montgomery LSA, 1996-1997
Barbara Malone, PLS - Mobile LSA, 1997-1998
Beverly Lynn - Montgomery LSA, 1998-1999
Linda J. Bishop, PLS - Birmingham LSA, 1999-2000
Pat Tenbrink, PLS - Birmingham LSA, 2000-2001
Linda Teague - Montgomery LSA, 2001-2002
Pam Dunn, PLS - Birmingham LSA, 2002-2003
Marva Dean Little, PLS - Baldwin County ALP, 2003-2004
Marva Dean Little, PP, PLS - Baldwin County ALP, 2004-2005
Nancy Harris, PP, PLS - Birmingham LSA, 2005-2006
Gina Harbison, PP, PLS - Baldwin County ALP, 2006-2007
Becky Barfield, PP, PLS - Mobile LSA, 2007-2008
Myra Beckham, PP, PLS - Birmingham LSA, 2008-2009
Babs DeKeyser, PP, PLS - Mobile LSA, 2009-2010
Barbara Hanley - Montgomery LSA, 2010-2011
"Talley" Brathovd, PP, PLS - Mobile LSA, 2011-2012
Deborah S. Rutherford - Baldwin County ALP, 2012-2013
Tena Matthews, PP, PLS - Mobile LSA, 2013-2014
Teresa Moore, PP, PLS - Birmingham LSA, 2014-2015
Cheri Loyd Mobile LSA, 2015-2016
Vicky Lundy, PP, PLS — Mobile LSA, 2016-2017
Kay Kidd — Baldwin County ALP, 2017-2018
Donrue "Talley" Brathovd, PP, PLS - NOCA, 2018-2019
Ed Clark, PP-SC - Birmingham LSA, 2019-2020
Kristi Skipper, PP-SC, PLS - Montgomery LSA, 2020-2021
Sonia Smith, CLP — Mobile MLPA, 2021-2022
Julie Nims, - Baldwin County ALP, 2022-2023
Melissa Cooper, PLS - Birmingham, LSA, 2023-2024
Sonia Smith, CLP — Mobile MLPA, 2024-2025

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PAST PRESIDENT

Sonia Smith, CLP

Hey AALS friends!

I wanted to thank everyone again for a great year of serving as your AALS 2024-2025 President!
Thanks again to the following for my outgoing gifts they were truly appreciated:

AALS EC
AALS MEMBERSHIP
BCALP
DALLAS COUNTY
MLSA

MLPA
NOCA
Kayla Bassett
Myra Beckham
Ed Clark

Ya'll are the best! Til next time...

SCHOLARSHIP

Kayla Bassett, PLS

At the AALS Annual Meeting held in Orange Beach, Alabama on April 26, 2025, we awarded the AALS Scholarship and the Hollis-Shultz Scholarship to two very deserving recipients.

The recipient of the AALS Scholarship is Valentina Piceno, sponsored by BLSA. Valentina plans to attend The University of Alabama in the fall beginning her education in pre-law and journalism. Valentina is an exceptional young woman, intelligent, talented, outgoing, and ambitious. We are proud to award her the 2025 AALS Scholarship.

The Hollis-Schultz Scholarship was awarded to Olivia Creel, sponsored by BACALP, and daughter of member, Tracey Creel. Olivia attends Coastal Community College with a major in Health Science. Olivia is an exceptional young woman, intelligent, talented, outgoing, and ambitious. We are proud to award her the 2025 Hollis-Schultz Scholarship.

NALS NEWS

Join Us in Mobile — and Refer a Friend!

Get ready for three powerful days of learning, networking and career growth at the 2025 NALS National Legal Education Conference, taking place Sept. 29 - Oct. 1 in Mobile, Ala. Attendees can earn up to 21 CLE credits, including a FREE 5-credit on-demand ethics bundle, while exploring the latest legal trends and technologies and building valuable connections with peers and industry experts. The conference will be held at the Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel — right in the heart of downtown.

Register by July 1 to save \$50 with our early bird rate!

But that's not all — when you help grow our NALS community, you could win big! Invite others to register and get rewarded with our NEW referral competition! Every attendee who is listed as a referral on someone else's registration form will be entered into a prize drawing during the Opening Session on Monday afternoon. The more people who list you, the more entries you get — one entry per referral. Multiple people can refer to the same attendee, so spread the word far and wide!

The prize? A \$100 Amazon gift card! So, invite your colleagues to register and don't forget to tell them to include your name in the referral box on their registration form. It's a great way to build excitement, bring more voices to the conference and maybe walk away a winner! Register Now at: [2025 National Legal Education Conference - NALS](#)

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 2024-2025

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