



## CHARLESTON ASSOCIATION OF LEGAL ASSISTANTS

P.O. BOX 1260, CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA 29402

[www.CharlestonLegalAssistants.org](http://www.CharlestonLegalAssistants.org)

### 2011 APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

The Charleston Association of Legal Assistants, Inc. ("CALA") is an affiliated association of the National Association of Legal Assistants, Inc. ("NALA") and all members are bound by the NALA Code of Ethics and Professional Responsibility, in addition to any code adopted by this Association.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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TELEPHONE: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Office) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

- NEW APPLICANT
- RENEWAL APPLICANT

#### APPLYING FOR:

- Full Membership:** \$60.00 per calendar year (Jan.-Dec.). Available to those persons who are currently employed as a Legal Assistant as defined in Article 3.1 of the Bylaws of CALA and incorporated herein by reference and who are either graduates of a Legal Assistant training program which was either an ABA approved program or part of an institutionally accredited program, or who have had at least one year experience as a Legal Assistant.
- Associate Membership:** \$50.00 per calendar year (Jan.-Dec.). Available to those persons who do not meet the experience or educational requirements of Full Membership. Having less than one year experience and no formal paralegal training.
- Sustaining Membership:** \$40.00 per calendar year (Jan.-Dec.). Available to those persons or firms including members of the Bar Association, law firms, corporations, legal assistant educational programs, and other entities who are actively involved in the promotion of the Legal Assistant profession.
- Student Membership:** \$30.00 per calendar year (Jan.-Dec.). Available to those persons currently enrolled in a Legal Assistant training program which is either an ABA approved program or part of an institutionally accredited program.

**CURRENT/LAST EMPLOYMENT:**

EMPLOYER: \_\_\_\_\_

LENGTH OF EMPLOYMENT: \_\_\_\_\_ JOB TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

SUPERVISING ATTORNEY(S): \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN LEGAL FIELD: \_\_\_\_\_

AREA(S) OF SPECIALIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER RELATED EXPERIENCE: \_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATION:**

HIGHER EDUCATION (LIST SCHOOL(S) ATTENDED, AREAS OF STUDY AND DEGREES EARNED):

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LEGAL ASSISTANT TRAINING (LIST SCHOOL(S) ATTENDED, AREAS OF STUDY, DEGREE/CERTIFICATE EARNED AND DATE OF COMPLETION). IF CURRENTLY ENROLLED, LIST YOUR ANTICIPATED COMPLETION DATE.

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**COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT:**

PLEASE INDICATE A COMMITTEE(S) ON WHICH YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO SERVE:

- EDUCATION
- SEMINAR
- MEMBERSHIP
- COMMUNITY OUTREACH
- SOCIAL

**APPLICANT'S AGREEMENT:**

I AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THE NALA CODE OF ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND THE BY-LAWS AS ADOPTED BY THE CHARLESTON ASSOCIATION OF LEGAL ASSISTANTS, INC. I ATTEST THAT ANY AND ALL INFORMATION STATED ABOVE IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT THIS APPLICATION IS SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE CHARLESTON ASSOCIATION OF LEGAL ASSISTANTS, INC. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.

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(SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT)

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(DATE)

***\*\*\*DUES MUST ACCOMPANY APPLICATION AND ARE NOT PRORATED\*\*\****

***MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CHARLESTON ASSOCIATION OF LEGAL ASSISTANTS, INC. AND SEND WITH APPLICATION TO: Post Office Box 1260, Charleston, South Carolina 29402.***

***EACH APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE. EACH APPLICANT WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE STATUS OF HER/HIS APPLICATION BEFORE THE NEXT REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION.***

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REVIEW:**

APPROVED:  YES  NO DATE: \_\_\_\_\_