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*Alabama, Florida, Georgia,
North Carolina, South Carolina
and Tennessee*

“Maximize Your Potential Where History Lives”

Message from the Region Director

My heart and prayers go out to all of our members that were affected by Hurricane Katrina. Please, please let me know how you are doing and how the members of NALS Region 4 can help

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WOW!!! I now know where history lives and it is in Charleston, SC.

Our conference began on Friday morning with an “All You Need to Know About Certification and MS Word” session. This was a session for the members who originally wanted to take advantage of the certification cram course that we ended up not having because we only had one individual sitting for the ALS exam in Region 4 that did not attend the conference. We were able to give her the exam before the conference began, which freed up Friday morning for an extra CLE session. This was a great session because we had one attendee who was interested in becoming certified and the questions and comments was just what she needed and the others found the MS Word session to be great because it focused on the transition from WordPerfect to Word. This proved to be a great session.

A few of the conference attendees and their spouses, decided to take advantage of the Carolina FoodPros. From what I heard, it was great as far as a walking tour was concerned; but, left them wondering why it was billed as a cuisine tour.

We gathered Friday evening for the early registration and meet and greet. This turned out to be a really nice “get to know each other” evening. Just about the majority of the attendees showed up for the early registration. After everyone had time to eat the light cheese/crackers, chocolate dipped strawberries, nuts and punch, we began by having everyone tell 4, 5, or 6 things about themselves (based on what number they pulled from the cup) and us getting to know them better. Then we decided to see what we could find on our scavenger hunt. This is where we found out that we really carry a lot of “junk” or not, in our purses. Somewhere among everyone, we were able to come up with a screw driver, tweezers, measuring

tape, red ribbon, 1961 and 1979 penny, \$2 bill, a quarter from every state in our region except Tennessee, toothpick, and a charge slip over \$200. This wasn’t all that we came up with; but, the oddest items. Then we ended with finding two people that we didn’t know and discovered 10 things about that them that we had in common. The majority of the attendees humored me and played the ice breakers. I thought this would be a great addition because so many of us do not know our own Region 4 members and this was a way to get to meet each other.

After the early registration, many of us went to dinner and enjoyed the evening. I don’t think we could have planned to be in a better location than the DoubleTree Guest Suites. We were smack in the middle of everything. You didn’t have to drive anywhere, if you didn’t want to, for the entire weekend.

Saturday morning began with an extended continental breakfast and into our morning speakers.

Message from the Region Director

Gedney M. Howe III was a true Charlestonian treat. He let us know that "knowledge was the best thing to have", encouraged us to "be indispensable to our bosses" and that there "is no interest like self-interest." He left an impression with the attendees because they felt he was an entertaining, outstanding, fantastic, excellent, wonderful (to name a few) speaker.

Yes, another true Charlestonian treat was John Hamilton Smith. He so wonderfully took ethics and made it interesting. He used to be a judge, so he would from time to time switch to some of his "bench" stories, which were great. He impressed upon us how important it was to proof-read or you may get embarrassed. He read a piece where an attorney misused the word "cucumber" instead of "encumber" when making a response. He left an impression as well with the attendees because they enjoyed his personality and delightful anecdotes, thought he was interesting and an excellent speaker who did a wonderful job of keeping everyone's interest on ethics.

Amy Harrell then spoke to everyone about environmental law. I can't tell you much on her session because I was busy trying to reprint some more foundation raffle tickets!! But, from the surveys, they found her government alphabet soup to be informative. This is where she talked about the various acronyms associated with environmental law and explained what each one meant and gave examples. The attendees felt she was an excellent and knowledgeable speaker for an otherwise boring topic.

Then we actually had a sit-down lunch. Which, initially I thought I had scheduled too much time because attendees were beginning to leave and take a break from eating and socializing for an hour. I was afraid that they wouldn't return for the final speaker of the day. But, was I wrong!!

We had the best treat of the day, with Sergeant Scottie Frier who spoke on Blood Spatter Analysis.

Yes, I will never look at CSI the same again. Wow!! He was an excellent, interactive speaker. He taught us how to examine all of the clues/facts of a crime scene. When the 1.5 hours were over, we knew that "blood exposed to the external environment as a result of trauma will behave in a consistent and predictable manner." We were able to determine the location of person(s) or object(s) within a crime scene; movement of person(s) or objects(s) within a crime scene; area(s) of origin of bloodshed; type of weapon(s) used or force levels; minimum number of blows, shots or events; and if the suspect may be injured. He used several members from the audiences; but, my favorite was Susan Turner who was the "other woman" who was killed by the husband because his wife wanted him to kill his lover. Then we realized Susan Turner was "DRT" – Dead Right There. He actually set up a crime corner and had us analyze what happened based on everything that we learned. He was by far the best session because he made learning this information fun, he had a great presentation, as the attendees said, he was "fabulous," "excellent," and "totally unbelievably awesome." Even after 1.5 hours, some didn't think he had enough time.

Saturday evening was filled with historical carriage mule-driven tours and ghost tours which had great ghost stories. Our tour guide was a law student and one person in my group mentioned if he didn't make it into law, he had a future in acting. He was great!

We ended the conference with Sunday morning breakfast and our very own President Mary Jo Denman giving an update on the Online Community, Project Easy, the Tool Kits, and Buffalo. Our final speaker, David Fedor, had some very motivational ideas, good quotes and let us know to "act as if it were impossible to fail."

We went straight into Town Hall where we discussed where we would have our 2006 Conference (Mobile, AL), among other things. We ended the conference on a high note.

In the midst of everything, I believe the conference ran like clockwork.

Message from NALS . . .

Everyone at NALS wants to send our prayers and support to those affected by Hurricane Katrina. We know we have members that are from the areas that have been hit so hard. We have heard from a few of our members, but certainly not all of them. We are getting calls here at the Resource Center from our members in other parts of the country who want to help their NALS friends. We would like to encourage each of you to utilize the NALS Online Community to post your thoughts, concerns, and offers of assistance. In addition, if our members in the affected areas can let us know what your situations are, what your needs are, and how we can help you, please contact the Resource Center and let us know. We continue to pray for your safety. Please use the Online Community to communicate:

<http://www.nals.invisionzone.com/forums/>

Message from Erica Thornburg, ALS, BLSA Communications Chair . . .

I thought the NALS and AALS members would like to have a report regarding Katrina's wrath upon Alabama.

I have now spoken with all members or received information regarding them that everyone in Alabama is okay. Some damage to properties but no one is hurt. Mobile is still flooded but there is hope that they will be able to return to work tomorrow or the next day. Power is still out to the majority of members. Cell phones are working some times. Land lines are not working.

Baldwin County has received some damage but not as bad as before. Some people have gotten power, some not.

Birmingham received some damaging rain and winds. Many are without power still.

I do have to relay some unhappy information regarding Babs DeKeyser. Her father passed away after a long fight with cancer on Monday. Anyone wishing to send cards to Babs can send them to her home address of 412 Gordon Wood Court, Mobile, AL 36606. Please keep Babs and her family in your thoughts and prayers. The wake will be Sunday evening 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at Radney Funeral Home (251) 479-4547, 3155 Dauphin Street, Mobile, AL 36606. The funeral will be Monday, 10:00 a.m. Little Flowers Catholic Church, 2053 Government Street, Mobile, AL 36606.

Please keep everyone in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida in your thoughts and prayers.

Be Blessed and Be a Blessing!

ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN

WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

Question #1: There are four primary generations:

A - Mature Adults or the Silent Generation born before 1946

B - Baby Boomers born between 1946-1964

C - Generation X born between 1965-1976

D - Generation Y born between 1977-1995

Which generation are you a part of (please answer A, B, C, or D)?

Question #2: Each generation has different degrees of willingness to volunteer, motivation to volunteer, and preferred time commitments. What can NALS do to get YOU to volunteer and become more involved on the local, state or national levels?

Question #3: With respect to current programs and services, do you feel the current programs meet your needs, or are there any changes you would like to see NALS implement? Please answer ADEQUATE or NOT ADEQUATE.

Question #4: If you answered NOT ADEQUATE to question 3, please tell us what types of programs and services you wish NALS offered that are not currently being offered (please be specific)?

Go to <http://www.nals.org/scan/> and voice your opinion.
Everyone who participates will be entered to win a NALS Leather Portfolio!

CONGRATULATIONS TO KRISTI SKIPPER, PLS FROM MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA
SHE WAS THE WINNER OF SCAN #1, VOICE YOUR OPINION AND
YOU COULD BE THE WINNER FOR SCAN #2

This is really away from the subject; but, I wanted to share a website with each of you. This is a site where you can discover the hidden meaning in your name. Yes, I know it sounds impossible; but, the following is what they said about my name and it does seem to be pretty close to my personality. Interesting.

<http://www.bostonuk.com/names/default.asp>

You are a deep thinker and student of life using your intuition and natural detective ability to seek truth and hidden knowledge. Peace-loving and compassionate you are nonetheless strong-willed and courageous in confronting challenges. Although your approach to life tends to be on a mental level it is important for you to see your ideas and concepts take form in the material world. Your talents and leadership skills give you great potential for a distinguished career.

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Are You Ready for Buffalo (Niagara Falls), NY



2005 NALS National Forum and Education Conference will be held October 20-23, 2005 at the Adams Mark, in Buffalo (Niagara Falls) New York. Room rates are \$105 single/double. Don't wait until the last minute - call 1-800-444-2326 to make your 2005 reservations rooms are filling fast. The following is the outline of the conference fees; but, you can go to <http://www.nals.org/conferences/nationalforum/regis.html> for registration form.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER, COME JOIN US IN BUFFALO!!!

Late (postmarked after August 1, 2005)	
Members	\$299
Non-Members	\$399
Daily Registration (CLE Sessions ONLY)	
	\$160
Guest Registration	
	\$95
Recognition Award Luncheon	\$35
NALS Foundation A"wear"ness Event	\$40
Guest ticket to Foundation A"wear"ness Event	\$40



Madam Presidents for State and Local . . .

If you are the president for one of the following chapters please take time to update your rosters at www.nals.org/membership/officerrosterform.html

NALS of Georgia
Cobb County LSA
NALS of CSRA
Wilson County LP

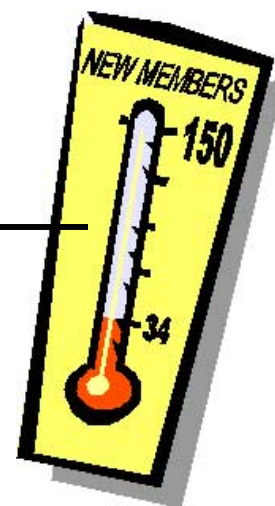
The following Region 4 members have been nominated for the 2006-2007 Region 4 Director position. Just because they have been nominated, does not mean that they will accept; but, these are the individuals you should begin to consider for you next Region 4 Director:

Miche Boles, PP, PLS – Georgia
Tina Boone, PLS – Tennessee
Marva Dean Little, PP, PLS – Alabama
Nancy Mikacevich, PLS – Georgia
Naomi W. Nation, PP, PLS – South Carolina
Chrisanne T. Porter, PLS – South Carolina
Roxanne Reynolds, PLS – South Carolina

Please consider each one carefully and not just because they are from your state. I encourage each of you to make an informed decision when voting because each of these individuals are worth your careful consideration.

Welcome Our New Members

- ❖ Mary Alice Bancroft (mab@mmmlaw.com)
NALS of Atlanta
- ❖ Stacie M. Bishop (scfcinderella@aol.com)
NALS of Central Florida
- ❖ Brandy Brown (brandyb@lpclaw.com)
Mobile LSA, AL
- ❖ Cecile Campbell
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- ❖ Donna L. Fuller (dfuller@mmmlaw.com)
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BLSA, AL
- ❖ Amy Sudduth (as@mmmlaw.com)
NALS of Atlanta



NALS Total membership as of May 5 was 4705. Of this total, the following are Region 4's membership breakdown:

ALABAMA:	332 Members with 72.57% retention
FLORIDA:	49 Members with 68.29% retention
GEORGIA:	147 Members with 70.78% retention
NORTH CAROLINA:	12 Members with 70.00% retention
SOUTH CAROLINA:	113 Members with 76.07% retention
TENNESSEE:	125 Members with 86.75% retention

Total Members 2004-2005 were 755
YTD Members 2005-2006 are 779

Welcome from Region 4!

Getting to Know Your New Members:

Every month I send out welcome letters, the current Region 4 Cognizant and a new member profile to new members of Region 4. The following are our current members who returned their profile.

Theresa D. Estopare, Burch, Porter & Johnson, PLLC, 130 N. Court, Avenue, Memphis, TN 38103
theresa_estopare@yahoo.com or testopare@bpjlaw.com, 901-524-5141 (work), 901-524-5024 (fax)

Theresa was born on April 21 and she works at the law firm of Burch, Porter & Johnson in their transaction law department. She recently moved back home after spending 14 years in Virginia. She's married and have two wonderful sons.

Mary T. B. Jeffrey, Burch, Porter & Johnson, PLLC, 130 N. Court, Avenue, Memphis, TN 38103
mjjeffrey@bpjlaw.com, 901-524-5175 (work), 901-524-5024 (fax)

Mary was born on December 5 and she works at the law firm of Burch, Porter & Johnson with attorneys practicing tax/probate and corporate law. Mary has been a professional legal secretary since 1980 after leaving an administrative civil service position to work from her home. She needed to be home with her three middle school-aged children. From there she returned to work full-time in various Los Angeles County law firms. She enjoys her family most of all; but, loves working as a legal secretary and the wealth of experience and enlightenment she has received from her work with lawyers.

Tiffany McGowan, William Holley III, 299 Alexander Street, Marietta, GA 30060
Mustangt75@aol.com, 770-422-3131 (work), 770-427-6332 (fax)

Tiffany was born on May 31 and she currently works at the law offices of William Holley III doing criminal, domestic, and personal injury work. She came to work with Mr. Holley straight out of High School and has worked for him for last five years. She is currently in the paralegal certification program at KSU and will be graduating this year.

Theresa Mosely, Ball, Ball, Matthews & Novak, P.A., One Timber Way, Suite 200, Spanish Fort, AL 36527
TMosley@ball-ball.com, 251-621-7680 (work), 251-621-7681 (fax)

Theresa was born July 11 and she currently works at the law firm of Ball, Ball, Matthews & Novak with attorneys practicing insurance defense law. She is a Certified Legal Secretary and working towards her paralegal certification.

Brad H. Wilson, The Norcross Group, a computer forensics and e-Discovery company.
Brad.Wilson@NorcrossGroup.com, 770-242-6687 (work), 770-446-9777 (fax)

Brad was born on January 7 and currently works at the Norcross Group. His activities outside of work includes coaching his son's little league teams (football, baseball and basketball) and enjoys many varieties of red wine.

*Theresa E., Mary, Tiffany, Theresa M., and Brad
Region 4 welcomes each of you into the wonderful fold of "sisters and brothers-in-laws."*

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August 22, 2005

Tina L. Boone, PLS
Region 4 Director
Harwell Howard Hyne et al.
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Dear Tina:

On behalf of the NALS Foundation Trustees I'd like to thank you and all the members Region 4 for generously supporting the NALS Foundation. As you know, the NALS Foundation is committed to maximizing the potential of all legal professionals through continuing education. Your region's tax deductible contribution will assist us in our goal of funding educational opportunities for members and others in the legal community, helping to ensure that qualified professionals deliver the highest quality legal services possible.

Each year the NALS Foundation awards a complimentary registration for the Professional Development Conference to each region that meets its Foundation fundraising goal. I am pleased that once again Region 4 will be awarded a free registration for its successful fundraising efforts. A certificate will be presented to each qualifying region at the Friday morning welcome in Buffalo.

Again, thanks to all that helped make this year's regional campaign a success.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carol Jorgenson", is written over the typed name and title.

Carol Jorgenson
NALS Foundation Executive Administrator

cc: Nancy Harris, PP, PLS, AALS President, NALS Foundation Trustee
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Description	Amount
Donation: Regional Fundraiser	\$1,305.00
Organization Circle Silver Level	\$1,000.00
National Forum Keynote Speaker	\$ 300.00
Profession Development Keynote Speaker	\$ 395.00
<i>Thank you for your support!</i>	
Total	\$3,000.00

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EVERYBODY LOVES A CLOWN!

Entry fee: \$100 per team

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: September 1, 2005

Entry fee will be used as the minimum bid. Bids on NALS Board members/Foundation Trustees will increase at the live auction at the A"wear"ness Event in Buffalo.

The highest bidder will win the clown of choice. Should your team not win your first choice, you may apply your entry fee as the minimum bid for another clown.

If your team decides not to bid on a clown or your team does not win the bidding frenzy, the entry fee is non-refundable and becomes a contribution to benefit **The NALS Foundation**.

The A"wear"ness Event is a ticketed event and all "team" members must be registered for the A"wear"ness Event in order to participate. Do not wait until Buffalo to register!

Make checks payable to *The NALS Foundation* and mail to: Carol Jorgenson, NALS Resource Center, 314 E. Third Street, Suite 210, Tulsa, OK 74120. Questions? Call Carol at (918) 582-5188 or email: carolj@nals.org.

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Email _____

WAIVER: I (we) submit this entry fee to have fun and bid on a NALS board member/ Foundation Trustee at the A"wear"ness event. If we do not win our first choice, do not bid on other clowns, or do not win any bidding contest, we will forfeit our entry fee to benefit The NALS Foundation.

EXPECT THE
UNEXPECTED!



THE NALS FOUNDATION
2005 A"WEAR"NESS EVENT
Buffalo/Niagara
October 22, 2005

EVERYBODY LOVES A CLOWN!

Even adults are moved to splits of laughter when watching a clown. NALS Board Members and NALS Foundation Trustees will be auctioned off at the A'wear'ness Event to be held in Buffalo, New York and will be transformed into clowns.

It's Easy to Buy Into the Fun! Teams will pay an entrance fee for a chance to bid on their favorite clown. The entrance fee will serve as the minimum bid for the live auction. The auctioneer will raise the stakes for each clown wanna-be.

Are There Rules? Of course there are! The Foundation went to great lengths to find all kinds of legal mumbo jumbo about clown auctions. Read it carefully. There's a test at the end.

- **Everyone will have a great fun!**
- Each team will appoint one team member to be the "bidder" and who will be responsible for increasing the team's bid during the auction. The bidder should be someone who is quiet and reserved, and doesn't act crazy. Yeah, right!
- Audience participation is critical. The audience will vote on the winning clown. Any and all bribes taken to get your clown to win must be paid to The NALS Foundation.



- The total bid (less the entrance fee) must be paid in its entirety by check or cash at the conclusion of the auction. The Brinks truck will be on site and ready to take the haul to the bank.
- The auctioneer shall declare the highest bidder as the winner. In case of a dispute, the auctioneer shall consult with the president (who is also the auctioneer's wife) to make a final determination.
- Along with the clown, the NALS Foundation will provide each team an assortment of items that can be used to create an outfit for each clown. This sheds a whole new light on business casual.
- Each team will have 30 minutes in which to dress their clown—including hair and make-up. Please use good taste in dressing your clown. Haven't these ladies been humiliated enough already?
- Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams. Winners are liable for all taxes and assessments imposed by law and IRS agents will be standing by.
- Additional rules and regulations can be imposed by The NALS Foundation trustees to make them feel important. Hey, it's their party they can do just about whatever they want to do!