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Hope you are all enjoying this beautiful weather. It's time for all those fun outdoor activities and yard work. You might be planning a summer vacation somewhere amazing.

We will be having a podcast on Zoom on Wednesday, June 4. The speaker's topic is "Untold Stories of Court Interpreting." I hope you are able to sign on to Zoom Wednesday, June 4 at noon.

Please take some time to read this wonderful publication put out by our editor, Dee Beardsley, and others who add content to this publication. Dee works very hard on this every month. There is always so much to stimulate your mind and make you smile. My favorites are the word search and Mary's quizzes.

See you on Zoom!

Maria Nelson, PLS DCLP President



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# DCLP LIVE!! No Reservation Needed

Via ZOOM Wednesday, June 4, 2025 at 12 p.m.

No charge for guests.

Meeting ID: 922 280 3023 Passcode: 412889

ALL ATTENDEES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE GIFT CARD DRAWING AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

[Congratulations to Kendra Hutchison]





# **Douglas-Carson Legal Professionals**

**Presents** 

# Jessica Escobar

# **Untold Stories of Court Interpreting**

Jessica Escobar is a trilingual interpreter and translator of Columbian heritage who is additionally trained as an anthropologist and classical violinist. She has worked in academia and both the public and private sectors in France and the U.S. as a lecturer, translator, and teacher.

For over ten years Jessica has combined her professional and personal experience facilitating intercultural communication, spoken and written, across three languages: Spanish (native), French (fluent with multiple recognitions and a publication), and English (native).

Jessica is a Nevada State Certified Court Interpreter in English<>Spanish, Certification #NVEJ100. Her specialties are bilateral, conference, and telephone interpretation both simultaneous and consecutive as well as sight translation. Her experience encompasses police interviews, polygraph/lie detector tests, general and psychiatric hospitals, medical appointments, rape kit testing, courtroom procedures, administrative hearings, law offices, appeals court hearings, conventions, meetings, and special events.

Jessica currently aspires to continue growing her interpretation and translation business in all sectors, including podcasting with *I'll Allow It Nevada* which serves up-to-date Nevada judicial topics that are not only accredited through the State Bar of Nevada, Continuing Legal Education Board but, also quick access judicial education that is available to our Nevada judges, court staff and public.



I'll Allow It Nevada offers topics that will expand your judicial knowledge, introduce you to the Nevada judiciary, and offer insight into Nevada law. Although lighthearted at times, this podcast takes serious legal issues and brings them to your ears in an educational and sometimes entertaining format.



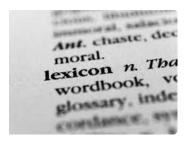
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# **DCLP** presents

# **Cognitive Fitness**









A wide, robust vocabulary matters because it:

How many of the words listed to the

vocabulary? I counted 11 that I use

left are a part of your regular

often.

- allows you to express yourself with greater precision and clarity, choosing words that accurately convey your thoughts and ideas;
- facilitates better understanding of both spoken and written language, enabling you to grasp complex concepts and ideas more easily;
- allows you articulate your thoughts more effectively;
- can boost confidence in social interactions and enable you to navigate diverse social settings with greater ease; and
- can make reading more
  enjoyable and easier, allowing
  you to engage with a wider
  range of texts and learn more
  effectively.

Not all archaic words are deserving of reincorporation into modern language, but given the current state of the world I'm inclined to defenestrate ultracrepidarians.



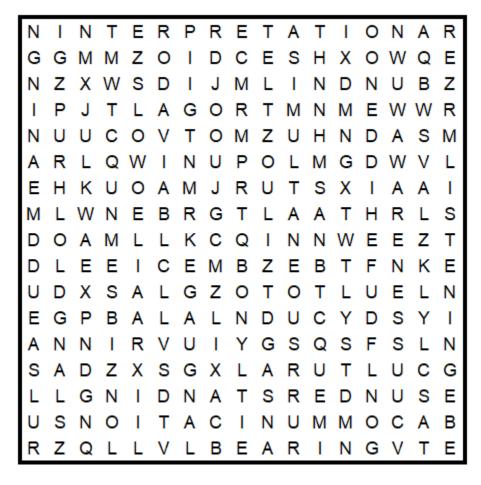
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# 40 ENGLISH WORDS YOU NEVER THOUGHT EXISTED

- 1. Agog Very eager or curious to hear or see something.
- 2. Bumfuzzle To confuse or fluster.
- 3. Cacophony A harsh, discordant mixture of sounds.
- 4. Callipygian Having well-shaped buttocks.
- 5. Cattywampus Askew or awry.
- 6. Collywobbles A feeling of anxiety or an upset stomach.
- 7. Defenestration The act of throwing someone out of a window.
- 8. Discombobulate To confuse or disconcert.
- 9. Doodle Sack An old word for a bagpipe.
- 10. Erf A plot of land in a town (South African English).
- 11. Flibbertigibbet A frivolous, flighty, or excessively talkative person.
- Gardyloo A warning shouted before throwing waste from above (historical).
- 13. Gobbledygook Language that is meaningless or hard to understand.
- 14. Hullabaloo A commotion or fuss.
- 15. Impignorate To pawn or mortgage something.
- 16. Jiggery-pokery Deceitful or dishonest behavior.
- 17. Kerfuffle A commotion or fuss.
- 18. Limerence The state of being infatuated with another person.
- 19. Lollygag To dawdle or be slow.
- 20. Malarkey Nonsense.
- 21. Mumpsimus A stubborn person who keeps making a known mistake.
- 22. Nudiustertian Relating to the day before yesterday.
- 23. Oxter An armpit (chiefly Scottish/Irish English).
- 24. Pandiculation The act of stretching and yawning.
- Pettifogger A lawyer who handles petty cases, often disreputably.
- 26. Quire Two dozen sheets of paper.
- 27. Ratoon A small shoot growing from the root of a plant (e.g., sugar cane).
- 28. Sialoguent Spitting while speaking.
- 29. Skedaddle To run away quickly.
- 30. Snollygoster A shrewd, unprincipled person (especially in politics).
- 31. Susurrus Whispering, murmuring, or rustling.
- 32. Tittynope A small quantity of something left over (like a few grains of rice).
- 33. Ulotrichous Having woolly or tightly curled hair.
- 34. Ultracrepidarian Someone who speaks on things they don't understand.
- 35. Wamble Stomach rumbling or a feeling of nausea.
- 36. Widdershins Counterclockwise or in the wrong direction.
- Xertz To gulp down something quickly and greedily.
- 38. Yclept Named or called (archaic).
- 39. Zugzwang A situation in chess where every possible move is a bad one.
- 40. Zenzizenzizenzic The eighth power of a number (obsolete math term).

# Word Search Puzzle for June







Answer to May's Puzzle.
[The word "creative" was omitted from the puzzle in error.]

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Find the words listed below in the grid above. Words may be spelled forwards, backwards, upside down, and/or on the diagonal.

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UNDER	STANDING	DIALECT	BEARING
CULTU	RAL	BACKGROUND	LISP
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EMOTIO	DNAL	MEANING	SLUR
AWARE	NESS	HIDDEN	GUTTERAL

# Quiz on Legal Terminology

Submitted by Mary Baldecchi, Emeritus PP, PLS

_ I.	If one does not perform a required duty or totally neglects a duty, he is guilty of
	A. malfeasance
	B. misfeasance
	C. nonfeasance
 2.	The term used for the reversion of a decedent's estate to the state of his domicile when there is a lack of heirs
	is
	A. eminent domain
	B. escheat
	C. estoppel
 3.	The reduction, diminution, or abatement of an actual loss is
	A. comity
	B. mitigation
	C. expulsion
 4.	The type of deed that warrants only that the grantor did not cloud or encumber the title is a
	deed.
	A. limited warranty
	B. quitclaim
	C. warranty
 5.	A "closing letter" is issued by the
	A. court
	B. Internal Revenue Service
	C. mortgage lender
	Lunch

Answers on page 6.

The next Lunch Bunch meet up will be on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at noon at Red's Old 395 Grill 1055 S. Carson Street in Carson City. If you can get away, please join this opportunity to socialize and catch up with our members.

# GRAMMAR GAMES What's Wrong With This Sentence?

[Editor's Note: This is a new column in the Tickler to sharpen grammar and editing skills. Five sentences will be presented. Your task is to read, edit (if necessary), or circle "stet" (let it stand)—a term we all know. Space to edit or rewrite the sentence has been provided. The answers, as well as explanations, appear elsewhere in this issue.]

- 1. If in your own judgment you cannot be an honest lawyer, resolve to be honest without being a lawyer. STET
- 2. After yesterday's grammar drills, I laid down to relax on my Comfort Supreme™ bed of nails. STET
- Clarissa's neighbors were outraged when she flaunted the subdivision rules by hanging laundry in her front yard.STET
- 4. Delphine's blog about fermented seafood is so popular she gave up moderating comments; the trolls and spambots have free reign. STET
- The needed supplies were easily obtained: cashmere cardigans, for the Alpine crossing; mechanical pencils, with which we could bribe the border guards; and, of course, homing pigeons, with their attractive garlanded baskets for carrying messages. STET

# Nevada Legal News

2025 Nevada Legislative Session Bill Tracker

New laws that went into effect in Nevada in 2025

Nevada Overtime Laws 2025: A Complete Review

What new content and topics would you like to see in The Tickler in 2025? <u>Email the Editor</u> with your suggestions.



Answers to Legal Terminology Quiz:

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# Lawyers Face Judicial Wrath for Faking Citations

By Robert J. Ambrogi in LawSites

In what has become a distressingly familiar pattern in courtrooms across America, two more cases have emerged of lawyers submitting briefs containing non-existent legal citations generated by Al tools.

At this point, one wonders if the legal profession needs a mandatory continuing legal education course titled, "How to Avoid Becoming the Next Al Hallucination Headline."

Even more distressing, perhaps, is that one of the cases involves a major international law firm known for its litigation prowess.

### **Sanctions for Al-Generated Research**

In the <u>first of these two most-recent cases</u>, arising out the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, attorneys from the law firms Ellis George LLP and K&L Gates LLP submitted a brief to Special Master <u>Michael Wilner</u> containing numerous hallucinated citations.

The attorneys had used AI tools including CoCounsel, Westlaw Precision, and Google Gemini to outline and generate their brief.

Trent Copeland, an attorney at Ellis George, admitted that he had used these Al tools to create an outline that he then shared with colleagues, including lawyers at K&L Gates, failing to mention its Al origins or to verify the citations. His colleagues incorporated the fabricated authorities into the final brief without checking them.

When the special master initially questioned two suspicious citations, the attorneys filed a "corrected" version, with a K&L Gates associate thanking the special master for catching the errors and assuring that citations in the revised brief had been "addressed and updated."

Problem was, the corrected brief still contained at least six other Al-generated errors. In their declarations, the attorneys confessed that about 9 of the 27 legal citations in their 10-page brief were incorrect in some way, including two completely non-existent cases.

Special Master Wilner didn't mince words, finding that the attorneys had "collectively acted in a manner that was tantamount to bad faith." He chastised the lawyer who first generated the brief for relying on Al without verifying its accuracy, and for then sending the brief to his colleagues without disclosing its "sketchy Al origins."

He also chastised the K&L Gates attorneys, calling their conduct "deeply troubling" for their failure to check the validity of the research sent to them, both as to the original brief and the so-called corrected brief — after they had been put on notice of phony citations.

As a result, the special master decided to impose sanctions, specifically:

- Striking all versions of the attorneys' supplemental brief.
- Denying the discovery relief they sought.
- Ordering the law firms to jointly pay \$31,100 in the defendant's legal fees.
- Requiring disclosure of the matter to their client.

Wilner called the situation "scary," noting that he was "persuaded (or at least intrigued) by the authorities that they cited, and looked up the decisions to learn more about them — only to find that they didn't exist. That's scary. It almost led to the scarier outcome (from my perspective) of including those bogus materials in a judicial order."

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Prof. Dev.

# Fake Citations (cont'd)

# **Phantom Citations**

In Toronto, Canada in the <u>case of Ko v. Li</u>, lawyer Jisuh Lee found herself in hot water when Ontario Superior Court Judge Fred Myers discovered that her legal factum contained citations to two cases that simply did not exist.

When the judge asked Lee about this — and if she had used AI to prepare the factum, she responded that her office does not usually use AI but that she would check with her clerk. She was not able to provide corrected citations to the cases or copies of the cases.

After the hearing, the judge again reviewed the factum and found two more incorrect citations — one to a non-existent case and another to a case that stood for the opposite proposition than that for which it had been cited.

"It appears that Ms. Lee's factum may have been created by AI and that before filing the factum and relying on it in court, she might not have checked to make sure the cases were real or supported the propositions of law which she submitted to the court in writing and then again orally," the judge concluded.

"It should go without saying that it is the lawyer's duty to read cases before submitting them to a court as precedential authorities," he continued. "At its barest minimum, it is the lawyer's duty not to submit case authorities that do not exist or that stand for the opposite of the lawyer's submission."

As a result, the judge ordered the attorney to show cause why she should not be cited for contempt. "She will have a fair opportunity to submit evidence to explain what happened if she wishes to do so."

# When Will Lawyers Learn?

Despite the mounting pile of sanctions, public embarrassment, and judicial warnings, attorneys

continue to submit Al-generated hallucinations to courts. This happens despite bar association ethics opinions, judicial warnings, and enough legal tech articles to fill a virtual library.

One wonders how many more judges will need to impose sanctions before the message sinks in: Al tools may be useful for brainstorming, but they are not substitutes for traditional legal research and the age-old practice of actually checking your citations.

**LawSites** is a blog covering legal technology and innovation. It is written by Robert Ambrogi, a lawyer and journalist who has been writing and speaking about legal technology, legal practice and legal ethics for more than two decades.

# (CBEO)

# How Can a Legal Assistant Help an Attorney Avoid Fake Citations?

A legal assistant plays a vital role in supporting an attorney's legal work, and one important area is ensuring the accuracy of legal citations and helping avoid fake or fabricated citations.

Here is how you can assist:

# **Thorough Cite-Checking**

- Verify case names, reporter information, page numbers, and dates: This ensures the citation accurately reflects the source it claims to represent.
- Compare quoted language with the original source: This confirms the accuracy of quotations and prevents unintentional misrepresentation of the source.
- Use legal databases to confirm the existence and accuracy of cited authorities: Tools like Westlaw, LexisNexis, and Bloomberg Law can be used to double-check citations.

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# How a Legal Assistant Can Help (cont'd)

# **Utilizing Legal Research Tools and Databases**

- "Shepardizing" or "KeyCiting" cases: Using tools like Shepard's or KeyCite, paralegals can check if cited cases are still good law, or if they have been overruled or questioned.
- "Checking for subsequent treatment of cited authorities: This involves reviewing cases that have cited the authority in question to see if it has been limited or distinguished.
- Adhering to relevant citation style guides: Paralegals should be familiar with and follow the citation style guide required by the court or jurisdiction, such as the Bluebook or ALWD Guide to Legal Citation.
- Ensuring consistency in citation formatting: This helps maintain professionalism and ensures that all citations are presented in a uniform manner.
- Alerting the attorney to discrepancies or concerns: If a paralegal finds any issues with a citation, such as an incorrect case name or a case that has been overruled, they should promptly inform the attorney.
- Double checking Al-generated citations: Paralegals should be particularly vigilant about citations generated by Al tools, as these tools can sometimes produce "hallucinated" or fabricated citations.
- **Developing strong legal research skills:** A paralegal with strong research skills can be more effective at identifying accurate and reliable sources.

 Staying current with legal research best practices: This involves keeping up with changes in legal research tools, techniques, and citation standards.

By meticulously performing these duties, paralegals and legal assistants can significantly contribute to ensuring the accuracy and validity of citations in legal documents, thus safeguarding the attorney's credibility and avoiding potential legal ramifications.

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# **CERTIFICATION NEWS**

# **NALS Certification Exams on Hiatus**

Currently, all individual NALS certification exams are on hiatus while the Certifying Board is revising and enhancing the Certified Legal Professional (CLP) and Professional Paralegal (PP) exams to better serve our members and the legal community. For now NALS is only administering the Accredited Legal Professional (ALP) exam to school groups.

# Need to Retake an Exam Part?

Candidates who have already passed one or more parts of any exam may register for a partial retake by **July 15** and complete their exam by **August 31**.

Here are the links to register for exam retakes:

- ALP Retake
- CLP Retake
- PP Retake

## Note from Dee Beardsley, Emeritus PP, PLS:

As a past NALS President and former Certification Director who worked closely with the Certifying Board to create the PP exam and oversee the continued relevancy of the ALP and CLP, I can attest to the rigorous protocols the Certifying Board must comply with to ensure exams are germane, unbiased, and meet the standard of review by Educator Examiners. This is not an overnight process and the hiatus is necessary to preserve and protect the integrity of the exams.

# **Maintain Your Certification through Recertification**

The hiatus will not affect current certification holders. If you already maintain a certification, you will still be able to recertify every 5 years. However, NALS is transitioning to a single annual recertification period. All certification holders will recertify in January of their applicable year.

Original Expiration Date	New Expiration Date
2025	01/31/2026
2026	01/312027
2027	01/31/2028
2028	01/31/2029
2029	01/31/2030

[click on the applicable box below for the application.]

**ALP Recertification Application** 

PLS Recertification Application

**CLP Recertification Application** 

PP Recertification Application

**Request for Emeritus Status** 

# Answers to: What's Wrong With This Sentence?

### That's style.

The needed supplies were easily obtained: cashmere cardigans, for the Alpine crossing; mechanical pencils, with which we could bribe the border guards; and, of course, homing pigeons, with their attractive garlanded baskets for carrying messages. STET Semicolons are grammatically correct in lists whose items are internally punctuated, like the ones here. The point of the semicolons (change them to commas if you need proof) is to make the list readable.

seafood, look up surströmming sometime.

4. Delphine's blog about fermented seafood is so popular she gave up moderating comments; the trolls and spambots have free reign free rein. "Free reign"—so plausible, but no. It's "free rein," from riding a horse. As for fermented

flaunting the rules.

3. Clarissa's neighbors were outraged when she flaunting her underwear, or her anti-authority attitude, but for sure she wasn't front yard. Clarissa might have been flaunting her underwear, or her anti-authority attitude, but for sure she wasn't

that comfy bed? Get up. You can lie down again after you've drilled some more and laid down your grammar book.

.. After yesterday's grammar drills, I laid lay down to relax on my Comfort Supreme<sup>TM</sup> bed of nails. Still lying on

This is a quote of Honest Abe Lincoln, writing in 1850.

. If in your own judgment you cannot be an honest lawyer, resolve to be honest without being a lawyer.



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# The Reading Nook

By Members for Members

# by Vicki Van Pelt

Eion (Owen) Dempsey is the author of The Maureen Ritter three-book series. The books in the series are: The American Girl, The Forger, and The Secret Soldier.

They tell the story of an American woman who found herself in the south of France at the start of World War II. Although not Jewish, she protected many Jewish children and their parents during that terrible time. As the books progress, she arranges the escape of her charges across the Pyrenees and into Spain, and later becomes active in the French resistance.

Mr. Dempsey's characters come alive as the story unfolds. The books are compelling and very readable.

### **About the Author**



Eoin Dempsey was born and raised in Ireland. His books have been translated into fourteen languages and also optioned for film and radio broadcast. He lives in Philadelphia with his wonderful wife and three crazy sons. You can connect with him at

<u>eoindempseybooks.com</u> or on Facebook at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/eoindempseybooks/">https://www.facebook.com/eoindempseybooks/</a> or by email at <a href="mailto:eoin@eoindempseybooks.com">eoin@eoindempseybooks.com</a>. He loves to hear from his readers, so don't be a stranger.



# From Publishers Weekly 2025 Summer Reading List

An Italian American woman throws off the shackles of her constrictive New Jersey family in this sweet outing from Adriana Trigiani (*The Good Left Undone*). Giuseppina Capodimonte works for her savvy uncle Louie, drafting designs for

fountains, bathrooms, and floors made from the distinctive Italian marble he imports. She's left her hometown husband, Bobby, and is living in her parents' basement, the dutiful daughter who's with Grandma Cap when she dies, who's always there to help Grammy B make the cavatelli, and whose college fund was used to put her brother Joe through law school. After Giuseppina takes over Cap Marble and Stone, she discovers that her uncle was in over his head with the IRS. The first thing she does is travel to Carrara, where the marble is quarried, and there her awakening begins. She rents a charming apartment overlooking a picture-perfect piazza, drinks superb espresso, acquires a stray kitten, and melts on multiple occasions into the arms of the landlady's gorgeous son. As Giuseppina straightens out her family's business, the Italian sojourn proves predictably life-changing. Trigiani's fans will lap this up. (July release)







# Legal Marketplace

The Legal Marketplace is a new legal database created by NALS!

The Legal Marketplace will help you discover new vendors, compare vendor services, and recommend suppliers you have used in the past.

Visit LegalMarketplace.org now!

# What is the Legal Marketplace?

The Legal Marketplace is a dynamic platform designed to connect the entire legal industry through company listings, client reviews, and resources. Our marketplace is an industry wide effort to create one cohesive legal resource where professionals can find, review, and recommend legal vendors. Whether you're a lawyer seeking to expand your network, a firm looking for specialized expertise, or a client in need of trusted legal support, the NALS Legal Marketplace will have the trusted resources you need, recommended by other legal professionals.

## What is the Member Experience section?

The Member Experience section at the bottom of the vendor listings are only available for NALS members who login with their NALS website information. Once you add 3 different vendors to your supplier list (by clicking add to my suppliers at the bottom of a listing and listing your relationship as a customer), you can access this tool. It will show you other NALS members who have used this supplier in the past. That way, you can reach out to them to see their experience with that supplier. This is a NALS member perk only.

### What is the purpose of giving vendors ratings?

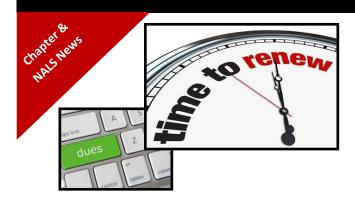
By giving vendors honest reviews, you are helping the entire legal industry improve the quality of their products and services. You are creating and holding vendors accountable for their customer service, prices, and products. We encourage you to leave honest reviews, so other legal professionals can hear of your experiences.

# What is done with my ratings?

**Our Rating's Promise:** We won't publish ratings or share any individual ratings with any supplier. We will only share aggregated data (averages etc.) with suppliers to help them improve their service.

What do we do with the rating information? We do NOT publish any rating information. We use the aggregated data to provide quantifiable data back to industry suppliers to help them improve their respective products and services. For example, if a supplier had received 100 ratings for their support and their average rating was 4.1 out of 5, we would simply tell the supplier that their average member rating for service was 4.1 out of 5, based on approximately 100 members.

**Future Possibilities:** In the future, we may be able to provide additional data to help them improve their service. For example, we could provide them with their average score based on members who are new vs. experienced with their software, or we may provide trending data such as telling them that they have improved their service rating by 15% over the past six months.





All NALS memberships are to be renewed annually. All member accounts are set to expire on April 30 and the next membership year begins May 1. All dues renewals must be received by May 31 in order for a NALS membership to remain in good standing (this includes any applicable Chapter dues).

For questions regarding NALS Membership, please contact <a href="mailto:membership@nals.org">membership@nals.org</a>.

### New to Zoom?

You can join DCLP's meetings as a participant without creating a Zoom account.

### Windows or Mac

- 1. Open the **Zoom** desktop client.
- 2. **Join** a meeting using one of these methods: (a) Click **Join** a **Meeting** if you want to **join without** signing in, or (b) sign in to Zoom and then click **Join**.
- 3. Enter the **meeting** ID number and your display name. If you're signed in, you can change your display name. If you're not signed in, enter a display name.
- 4. Select if you would like to connect to audio and/or video and click **join**.

## For other devices, visit:

https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-meeting



June 4 — Kendra Hutchison

June 23 — Wendy Neff





Chapter & News

# 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
- 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 I.** 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 legal 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.



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