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We elected our new officers and other committee members at the Board Meeting. They are all the same with the exception of Vicki Van Pelt who has agreed to be our secretary. Maria Nelson will continue as President; Sharon Coates as Vice President; Mary Baldecchi as Treasurer; Dee Beardsley as Tickler Editor; and Danielle Friend as Webmaster.

We have some speakers lined up for the next few months but still need your help filling other months. Please reach out to people you know or work with to see if they would be willing to give us a legal presentation. It can be on most anything. Contact me if you have any questions.

We are sponsoring several members who wish to attend the NALS Conference in Portland, Oregon this October. We discussed and voted that DCLP will pay \$500, upon proof of attendance, to any member who wishes this conference. We are then asking them to do a short article on one of the seminars they attended. I am happy to see several ladies interested in attending this conference. I have attended several of them in the past and they are fun, informative, and very educational.

Our speaker for our Zoom meeting on April 3 is Dee Beardsley. She will speak on Treaties – what they are, how they work, and how they become federal law.

Please join us Wednesday, April 3 at noon on Zoom!

—Maria Nelson, PLS, DCLP President

DCLP LIVE!!

No Reservation Needed

Via ZOOM **Wednesday**

March 6, 2024 at 12 p.m.

No charge for guests.

Meeting ID: 922 280 3023

Passcode: 412889



The next Lunch Bunch meet up will be on Wednesday, April 17 at noon at Juan's Mexican Grill located at 318 N. Carson Street in Carson City. If you can get away, please join us! No official business or program... Just an opportunity to socialize and catch up with our members.



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Presents

What You Should Know About Treaties

Dee Beardsley, Emeritus PP, PLS

Dee served as NALS President in 2008-09. She is retired and lives in Dayton, Nevada.

A recent trip to Antarctica sparked her interest in treaties, what they are, how they work, and how they become law. An inveterate researcher, she delved into this topic upon her return and will share her findings at our April meeting. To frame that discussion, a brief look at the uniqueness of The Antarctic Treaty is warranted. The following information is from the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC)/British Antarctic Survey (BAS), hence the UK punctuation and spelling.

There are few places in the world where there has never been war, where the environment is fully protected, and where scientific research has priority. But there is a whole continent like this – it is the land the Antarctic Treaty parties call “... a natural reserve, devoted to peace and science”.

At the southern end of our world, those who share the challenges of distance and cold to visit the ice-bound continent have developed a tradition of warm cooperation. Such cooperation, unique on this scale, is cemented by the Antarctic Treaty.

The Antarctic continent is vast. It embraces the South Pole with permanent ice and snow. It is encircled by floating barriers of ice, stormy seas and appalling weather. Its great altitude chills the air to extremes, and its descent to sea level across a moving ice sheet generates the world’s strongest winds. The cycling seasons reveal the spectacular natural forces of our planet. The surrounding seas teem with wildlife. And just 2% of this continent is free of ice, allowing a small toe-hold for hardy animals and plants.

The weather and isolation dominate all who visit. The discovery and exploration of Antarctica was shaped by the continent’s remoteness and its extraordinarily inhospitable environment. These factors combined for centuries to keep humans away from all but the subantarctic islands and parts of the Southern Ocean where whaling and sealing took place. In human historic terms, the land exploration of Antarctica is recent, most of it being accomplished during the twentieth century.

The improved technology and knowledge of the last 100 years allowed greater access to the continent, encouraging detailed surveying and research, and the gradual occupation of Antarctica by scientific stations. By mid-century, permanent stations were being established and planning was underway for the International Geophysical Year (IGY) in 1957-58, the first substantial multi-nation research program in Antarctica. By mid-century, territorial positions had also been asserted, but not agreed, creating a tension that threatened future scientific cooperation.

The IGY was recognised as pivotal to the scientific understanding of Antarctica. The twelve nations active in Antarctica, nine of which made territorial claims or reserved the right to do so, agreed that their political and legal differences should not interfere with the research program. The outstanding success of the IGY led these nations to agree that peaceful scientific cooperation in the Antarctic should continue indefinitely. Negotiation of such an agreement, the Antarctic Treaty, commenced immediately after the IGY.



The Antarctic Treaty was signed in Washington on 1 December 1959 by the twelve nations that had been active during the IGY (Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Chile, France, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, South Africa, United Kingdom, United States and USSR). The Treaty, which applies to the area south of 60° South latitude, is surprisingly short, but remarkably effective. Through this agreement, the countries active in Antarctica consult on the uses of a whole continent, with a commitment that it should not become the scene or object of international discord.

In its fourteen articles the Treaty:

- stipulates that Antarctica should be used exclusively for peaceful purposes, military activities, such as the establishment of military bases or weapons testing, are specifically prohibited;
- guarantees continued freedom to conduct scientific research;
- promotes international scientific cooperation including the exchange of research plans and personnel, and requires that results of research be made freely available;
- sets aside the potential for sovereignty disputes between Treaty parties by providing that no activities will enhance or diminish previously asserted positions with respect to territorial claims, provides that no new or enlarged claims can be made, and makes rules relating to jurisdiction;
- prohibits nuclear explosions and the disposal of radioactive waste;
- provides for inspection by observers, designated by any party, of ships, stations and equipment in Antarctica to ensure the observance of, and compliance with, the Treaty;
- requires parties to give advance notice of their expeditions; provides for the parties to meet periodically to discuss measures to further the objectives of the Treaty; and
- puts in place a dispute settlement procedure and a mechanism by which the Treaty can be modified.

Since entering into force on 23 June 1961, the Treaty has been recognised as one of the most successful international agreements. Problematic differences over territorial claims have been effectively set aside and as a disarmament regime it has been outstandingly successful. The Treaty parties remain firmly committed to a system that is still effective in protecting their essential Antarctic interests. Science is proceeding unhindered.

Under the Treaty, each party has enjoyed peaceful cooperation and freedom of scientific research. That research has contributed significantly to knowledge of the Earth and is contributing to the protection of the global environment. Environmental monitoring in Antarctica has, for example, led to the discovery of the seasonal depletion of atmospheric ozone over the Antarctic.

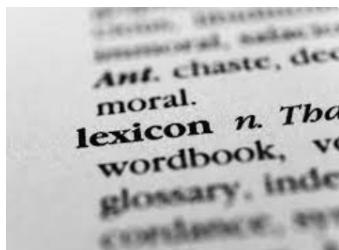
As the Antarctic Treaty System matures it has become recognised as one of the most successful sets of international agreements, setting an example of peaceful cooperation for the rest of the world.

— Source: the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC)/British Antarctic Survey (BAS)



At our meeting we will explore the history of treaties in the US, how they work, and how they become law.

DCLP presents
Cognitive Fitness



Legal writing consultant Ken Bresler has set three criteria for 2023's top phrases: they must be fairly new, in the news, and not in *Black's Law Dictionary*. His top five are:

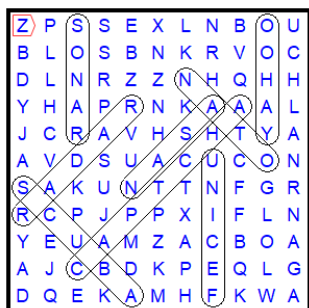
- (5) "Texas two-step," in which a legal entity splits in two, with assets assigned to one of the entities and liabilities to the other. The liability entity then files for bankruptcy.
- (4) "Tag jurisdiction," in which a court exercises personal jurisdiction over a person who is served—or tagged—while present in the forum.
- (3) "Nuclear verdict," in which excessive damages are awarded. Some define the term as a jury award higher than \$10 million.
- (2) "Exploding offer," in which a contract offer is withdrawn if there is no response by a short deadline.
- (1) "Artificial Intelligence" and "generative artificial intelligence." The first term, according to Merriam-Webster, means the ability of a computer system to imitate intelligent human behavior. The second means artificial intelligence that is able to generate new content in response to a prompt.

Word Search Puzzle for April



Circle the words below in the puzzle above. Words may be forwards, backwards, diagonal, horizontal or vertical. The answer to this puzzle will appear in the May issue of *The Tickler*.

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| HUMPBACK | MACARONI | ADELIE |
| ALBATROSS | DOLPHIN | KRILL |
| SEAL | TOOTHFISH | KING |
| SKUAS | NOTOTHENIOIDEI | SEABIRD |
| ORCA | GENTOO | MINKE |
| ROCKHOPPER | PETREL | EMPEROR |



March's Word
Search Solution

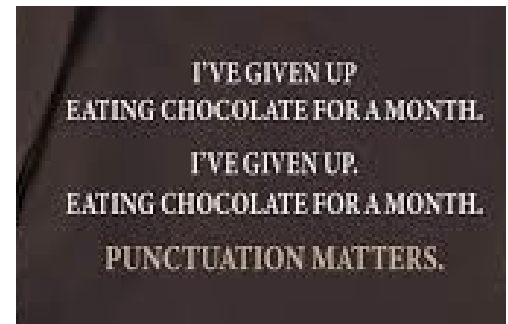
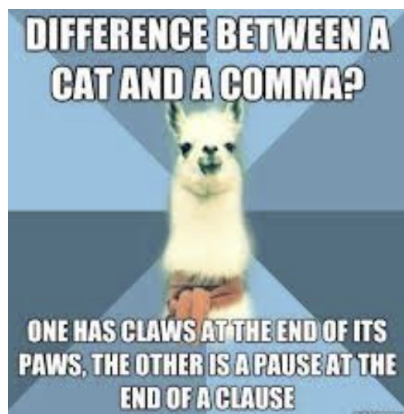
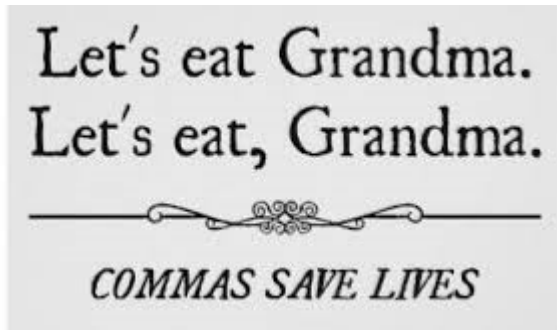


Quiz on Punctuation

Submitted by Mary Baldecchi, Emeritus PP, PLS

Correct the punctuation on the following:

1. Will you please indicate your choice below?
2. The article called No More Violence appeared in the August issue of *Harpers*.
3. On Friday May 13 2024, we will be moving to Idaho.
4. It promises to be a cold rainy day.
5. To get to our office turn at Exit 54, and go left.



Answers to Quiz on Punctuation

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All About Conversations



Don't Know What to say?

Here are some deep conversation starters:

- Who is your biggest role model?
- What's your best memory from childhood?
- Where do you want to be in 10 years?
- What's your definition of success?
- What's your personal motto?
- What one day would you choose to live over in your life?
- What advice would you give to your 18-year-old self?
- Is there a lesson that you had to learn the hard way?
- What's your best quality?

Confirmation Bias and

The Fundamental Attribution Error

Confirmation bias leads us to live in a world of our own choosing, finding the information that already fits with our beliefs and ignoring or discounting what doesn't. It's the bias that makes two sides get further apart rather than closer together.

It's important to work to understand different opinions, not discount them upfront and to use our empathy to understand why others feel the way they do. And when we deliberately seek out information that challenges our point of view we will usually find a richer, more nuanced world that helps build bridges with others rather than drive us apart.

The fundamental attribution error is the attribution of the source of behavior to the character or personality of a person above the consideration of context. It's sometimes described as over-attributing causes to disposition over situation.

In a classic example, if a colleague is late to meet us we might infer that the person is lazy or disrespectful when, in fact, they may have been held up by a traffic accident, been on the phone with a sick relative, or have had trouble sleeping lately. If we are late for a meeting, well, then it's probably all sorts of good reasons outside our control.

Like confirmation bias, the fundamental attribution error is a big one that can easily color our interactions with others without us being aware of it.

Some ways to minimize it include:

- Remember that what we see is just a tiny fraction of any other person's life and what we don't see is the complete picture.
- Minimize judgment, particularly around character and personality.
- Avoid jumping to conclusions.
- Where appropriate, ask if anything is bothering others.
- Build empathy for others as you would for yourself.
- Reflect on the positive things others do.

Source: *Sketchplanations*. Used with permission.



95TH ANNUAL NALS CONFERENCE



Mark your calendars now for NALS 95th Annual Legal Education Conference in Portland, OR. The conference will begin the afternoon of Sunday, October 13 and conclude the evening of Tuesday, October 15.

This is the first opportunity to attend a national meeting on the West Coast in many years. DCLP will reimburse \$500 per member who attends the meeting. Each member who takes advantage of this opportunity will report back to the membership through The Tickler on the education and networking aspects of the conference.

Interested members should contact President Maria Nelson for more information.

Registration

Types of Attendees	Early	Standard	Late	On-site
	May 31st - Aug. 18	Aug. 19 - Sept. 15	Sept. 16 - Oct. 7	Oct. 13 - 15
Full Conference (Sun., Mon., & Tues.)				
NALS Member	\$420	\$470	\$510	\$530
Non-member	\$520	\$570	\$610	\$630
Student or Retired Member	\$320	\$370	\$410	\$430
One Day Pass (Sun., Mon., or Tues.)				
NALS Member	\$220	\$250	\$280	\$310
Non-member	\$270	\$300	\$330	\$360
Student or Retired Member	\$170	\$200	\$230	\$260
Add-Ons				
Welcome Reception Guest	\$40	\$45	\$50	\$55
Awards Lunch Guest	\$40	\$45	\$50	\$55

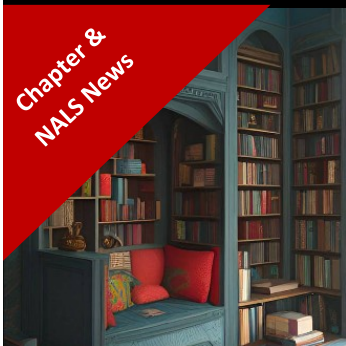
Hotel

Hyatt Regency Portland at the Convention Center
375 NE Holladay Street, Portland, OR 97232

NALS attendees can choose between a standard room for **\$159/night + tax** or **\$174/night + tax** for a room with south-facing city, river, and mountain views. This rate is available through **September 20, 2024**.

The conference will begin the afternoon of Sunday, October 13 and conclude the evening of Tuesday, October 15.

Book 2 nights before or after the conference at the NALS rate (pending hotel availability) to explore the city!

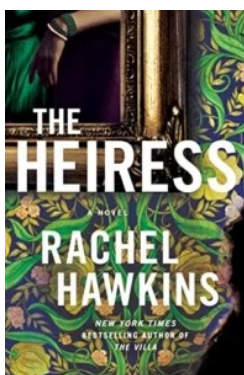


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The Reading Nook

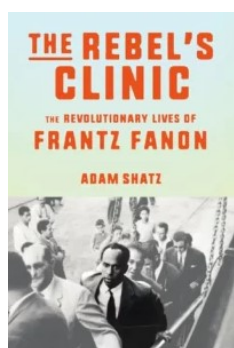
By Members for Members

No book reviews from members were submitted this month so we give you the top four books to read in 2024 according to A Book in Common Book Club.



Experience the gripping allure of family secrets and hidden identities with **The Heiress** by Rachel Hawkins. This captivating tale follows Everly, a young woman who unexpectedly inherits a vast estate and discovers a shocking truth about her past.

Hawkins expertly weaves a narrative infused with suspense, romance, and unforgettable characters that will keep you engrossed until the very last sentence. As Everly delves deeper into the intricate tapestry of her family history, you'll find yourself captivated by the unfolding mysteries and the complex dynamics that connect her to the past.



The Rebel's Clinic: The Revolutionary Lives of Frantz Fanon by Corey Robin is a powerful book that is sure to leave a profound impact on its readers. The book takes you on a transformative journey through the life and impactful work of Frantz Fanon, a revolutionary psychiatrist and philosopher. Robin meticulously explores the experiences of Fanon in colonial Algeria, where he

witnessed firsthand the devastating effects of oppression and colonialism.

The book delves into Fanon's unwavering fight for freedom and justice, both in his clinical practice and through his powerful writings. "The Rebel's Clinic" is not just a biography; it's a potent call to action that ignites critical conversations regarding race, power structures, and the unwavering pursuit of human rights.

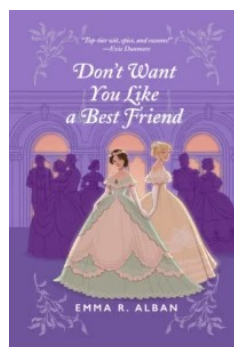
This challenging and insightful read has the potential to spark personal reflection and encourage active engagement in creating a more equitable world.



For music enthusiasts and those who seek an exploration of artistic genius, **Lou Reed: The King of New York** by Anthony DeCurtis offers an electrifying journey into the life of the legendary musician Lou Reed. DeCurtis paints a vivid portrait of Reed, capturing not only his undeniable artistic talent but also his personal struggles and the profound impact he had on the music world.

This biography goes beyond the typical rockstar narrative, exploring the complexities of creative expression, the courage to challenge conventions, and the enduring power of art to shape culture and inspire generations.

As you delve deeper into the story of Lou Reed, you'll gain a newfound appreciation for his unique voice and the profound legacy he left behind.



Prepare to be captivated by the heartwarming and hilarious story of friendship and love in **Don't Want You Like a Best Friend** by Emma R. Morris.


The book follows Sloane, a hopeless romantic who realizes that she is falling in love with her best friend, Lucas. Morris expertly weaves a tale full of clever dialogue, relatable characters, and unexpected twists.

You will find yourself laughing out loud at Sloane's comical mishaps, cheering for her and Lucas's growing relationship, and ultimately hoping for her to find her happy ending. **Don't Want You Like a Best Friend** is a delightful and heartwarming novel that celebrates the intricacies of both friendship and love, reminding us that sometimes the most unforeseen connections can grow into something truly remarkable.

<https://www.abookincommon.org/>



Be sure to check for the special CLE code you will receive when renewing your membership in 2024.

And  to use it!!

If you are unsure of your renewal date visit nals.org OR contact VP Sharon Coates, PP, CLP

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>



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| April 10 | — Danielle Swift-Friend |
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| April 26 | — Susan Happe, PLS |



**NATIONAL
LEGAL EDUCATION
CONFERENCE 2024**
OCTOBER 13 - 15 |
PORTLAND, OREGON
CELEBRATING 95 YEARS OF NALS!

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 1. 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.



The NALS Legal Brief is a biweekly newsletter that delivers to you the trends, updates, and news from around the legal industry that is necessary to help you succeed in your career. Along with some association news, the NALS Legal Brief will give you a rundown of the current state of the legal support world by giving you a list of relevant industry-focused articles to educate and inform you.

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