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President's Message

IT'S ABOUT TIME! That's probably what you're thinking.

On January 6, DCLP will hold its first Zoom meeting. By this time, most of you are likely familiar with Zoom and know how to use it. With the COVID restrictions that are still in effect, we need to find an alternative means to have our meetings. We also have members who work too far from Carson City to attend in person. So this will be a way for them to also participate.

The topic of our first Zoom meeting will be CHANGE and how to handle it. It seems an appropriate subject for DCLP and also for a new year. Everyone says that change is a fact of life. But the 2020 pandemic brought more changes than any of us could have foreseen.

We want as many people to participate as possible--members and nonmembers, so there will be no charge for nonmembers to attend this meeting. I see this Zoom meeting to be an opportunity for DCLP to offer education to all.

Hopefully, we will soon be able to have in-person meetings again, but there's no reason we can't make all of them also available on Zoom--and maybe we could also record our guest speakers and post their presentations on the DCLP website for anyone to view at any time. I hope you'll let me know your thoughts after the meeting. I look forward to your feedback.

When you sign in to Zoom for the meeting on January 6, you'll be asked to provide the Passcode, which is 417171, and the Meeting ID, which is 879 0337 1196. If you're new to Zoom, see page 5 of this issue for instructions.

This is a big step for me personally. I've resisted this change, but I can't deny it any longer. The time has come for me to move forward and for DCLP to adapt to the world we live in.

—Mary Baldecchi, Emeritus PP, PLS, CLA



DCLP LIVE!!—No Reservation Needed

Via ZOOM January 6 at 12 p.m. No charge for guests.

Zoom Meeting ID: 879 0337 1196

Passcode: 417171



Douglas-Carson Legal Professionals

Welcomes

Mary Baldecchi, Emeritus PP, PLS, CLA

Unsettled by all of the changes that have occurred in 2020 and likely to continue in 2021? President Mary Baldecchi will help us find our way through this maze we call life by sharing managing and coping tips from Who Moved My Cheese?.

Building Blocks of Change

“All changes, even the most longed for, have their melancholy, for what we leave behind us is a part of ourselves; we must die to one life before we can enter into another.”

—Anatole France

“Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.”

—John F. Kennedy

“To exist is to change, to change is to mature, to mature is to go on creating oneself endlessly.”

—Henri Bergson

“A bend in the road is not the end of the road ... unless you fail to make the turn.”

— Helen Keller

“I must be willing to give up what I am in order to become what I will be.”

— Albert Einstein

“Life belongs to the living, and he who lives must be prepared for changes.”

— Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

DCLP presents
Cognitive Fitness

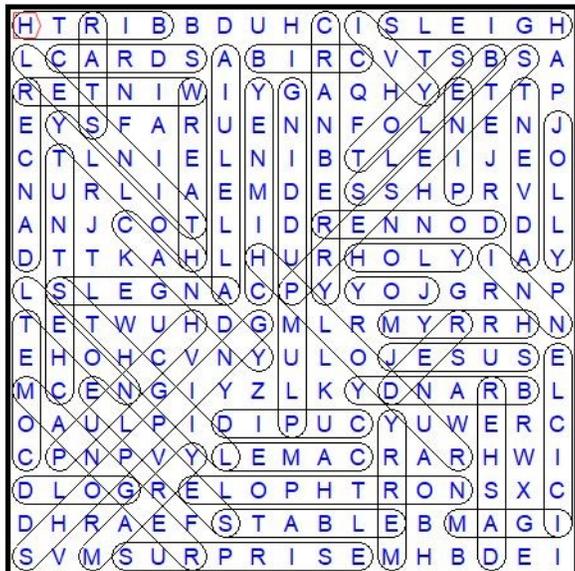


Are you keeping mentally fit during COVID-19? DCLP aims to help. This month's puzzle is a Word Search puzzle regarding change.

Are you enjoying these puzzles? What kind is your favorite?

Please let The Tickler know by emailing NALSdclp@gmail.com

Answer to the December 2020 Puzzle



Answer to the January puzzle will appear in the next issue.

FIND THESE WORDS

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|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| EVOLVE | CHANGE | DEVELOPMENT |
| COMPETENCY | CURIOSITY | INNOVATION |
| KNOWLEDGE | NEW | BROADEN |
| WORTHWHILE | VOCABULARY | SKILLS |
| GUIDANCE | CAREER | GOAL |
| MOVEMENT | INVOLVEMENT | PERSISTENCE |
| CHEESE | VALUE | LEARNING |
| INQUISITIVE | IMPROVEMENT | TECHNOLOGY |



Continuing Legal Education

As much as you think you already know, you have a lot to learn. New technology, changing rules, younger bosses with new ways of thinking or preferences.

Many of us learned new things this year: working remotely, Zoom or Google Meet with family and friends or co-workers, home school our children or grandchildren—or at the very least, assist with online classroom assignments.

COVID-19 precipitated a demand for knowledge outside our comfort zone in the office as well. Even the least technical person can suddenly be tasked with turning their office into a wireless showcase as a friend told me. Overnight they had to learn a new language in order to purchase the right system and to interview potential vendors and tradesmen to install and support the equipment acquired.

The hallmark of a competent legal professional is the thirst for knowledge. Don't be content merely to know enough to get by. Broaden your knowledge base. Listen to legal podcasts, subscribe to legal blogs, take advantage of training opportunities through NALS or other providers.

Some of the best legal podcasts and episodes in 2020 were:

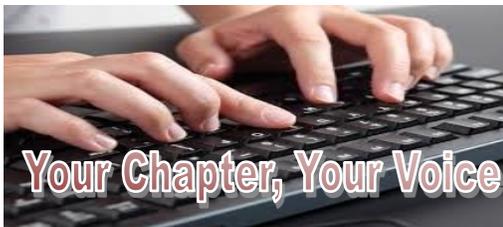
- [Lawyerist](#)—Podcast Episode #147 regarding accessible justice and how designing courts, law firms, and the attorney-client relationship for people with disabilities can increase access to justice for everyone.
- [LawNext](#)—conversations in each weekly episode range from blockchain, new legal

tech products and services, and the future of law and legal practice. It's a great podcast for those interested in legal innovation or who want to keep up-to-date on legal tech trends and development.

- [Legal Toolkit](#)—a monthly podcast on law practice management featuring interviews with top lawyers and professionals to discuss the latest in legal trends, tools, and tips for building a better law practice.
- [Lawyers Gone Ethical](#)—a weekly podcast for anyone that wants to stay up to date with the constantly changing ethical rules of law.
- [The Paralegal Voice](#)—a monthly podcast hosted by Carl Morrison provides in-depth and fascinating commentary on hot button issues, as well as helpful career advice.
- [Serial](#)—The first two seasons dive deep into infamous legal cases. The hosts examine cases from angles no one else ever thought of, something paralegals thrive on when assisting their attorneys.

Becoming aware of trends in your profession and practice area is vital but before you even begin to implement the modifications these trends suggest, you first have to be willing to accept change. Be open to new ideas and be willing to discuss them with your attorneys.

Find podcasts on iTunes, Spotify, and Anchor and listen on your iPhone, Android, iPad, tablet or PC/MAC. Most programs are 10 to 30 minutes. . . . Perfect for that commute to work or lunch break.



January 11 — Kelli Moro Radnothy

January 15 — Sharon Coates

New to Zoom?

You can join DCLP's January meeting 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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To

Nevada's 2020

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Professionals*

Igor Makarov, ALP (August)

Cassidy Wagner, ALP (June)



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Hall Live

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Contact Natalie Shryock, NALS Certification Manager at natalie@nals.org with questions.

Check nals.org for current schedule.



Call for Presentations

Do you have expertise/experience you'd like to share with NALS members? If so, the Call for Presentations has been issued for the Detroit Virtual Conference in September 2021.

Sessions are generally 60 minutes and cover a variety of practice area and professional development topics.

Submit your proposal [here](#).

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

[Webinar: Best Practices for Legal Professionals in the COVID-19 Era](#)

Time: 8 - 9 PM Eastern

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Wednesday, January 20, 2021

[Houston ALP Legal Writing Workshop #3 \(Written Discovery\)](#)

Time: 1:00 PM Eastern Time

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Tuesday, January 26, 2021

[Webinar: Microsoft Tips and Tricks – Part 1](#)

Time: 8 - 9 PM Eastern

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 [Register](#)

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- 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.

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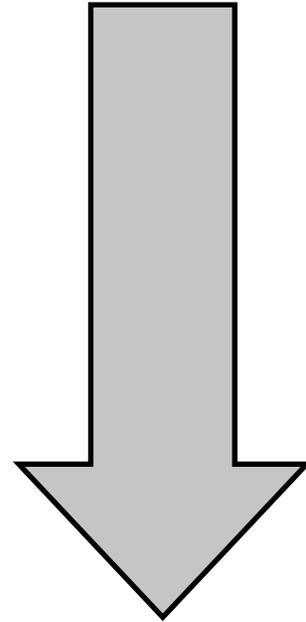
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Membership Application

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- 0-1 2-5 6-10 11-15 16-19 Over 20

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