

About Us:

The Western Dakota Association of Legal Assistants (WDALA) is a non-profit corporation formed in western North Dakota in 1984 in response to a need for educational programs for legal assistants/paralegals in the area. The Association encourages legal assistants/paralegals to commit themselves to professional development and continuing education through membership in WDALA.

The primary goals of WDALA are continuing education, networking and recognition in the legal field. WDALA membership consists of legal assistants/paralegals and students from 29 counties in the western half of North Dakota.

WDALA affiliated with the National Association of Legal Assistants, Inc. (NALA), in June 1985. The national organization offers its affiliates resources and experience and assists them in their efforts to enhance the professional development of their members. While some states have approved guidelines for legal assistants/paralegals, NALA has developed a certification program on the basis of a comprehensive substantive examination. Those who succeed in passing this examination are designated as Certified Legal Assistants and Certified Paralegals.



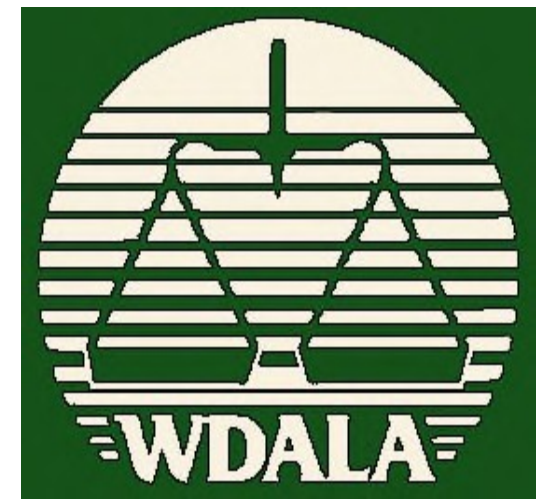
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Fall Seminar

September 13-14, 2021

North Dakota Heritage Center
Lecture A & B/Project Rooms 612
East Boulevard Avenue Bismarck,
ND 58505



Monday, Sept. 13

9:00 – 9:20	Registration Breakfast Refreshments
9:20 – 9:30	Welcome Opening Remarks
9:30 – 11:30	CLE – Ethics in the Courtroom Judge Nesvig & Judge Bahr
11:30 – 12:30	Lunch (on your own)
12:30 – 2:00	CLE – Women’s Suffrage Justice Lisa McEvers & Law Clerk Katie Carpenter
2:00 – 2:15	Break Refreshments
2:15 – 3:45	CLE – Court Reporters Zoom in 2021 Stephanie Smith & Lori Hauge
3:45 – 4:00	Closing Announcements

This seminar meets the requirements of the NALA Certifying Board for Paralegals for continuing legal education (CLE) credit required to maintain the CP (Certified Paralegal) credential and application has been made for **9.5 hours of CLE credit, including 2 hours of ethics.**

SBAND has approved **7.5 ND CLE credits plus 2.0 ND Ethics credits for a total of 9.5 ND CLE credits.** Event #20210913WDALA.

Tuesday, Sept. 14

9:00 – 9:15	Registration Breakfast Refreshments
9:15 – 10:45	CLE – Fundamentals of ND DUI Defense & Firearm Possession Law in ND – Attorney Kevin Chapman
10:45 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 12:30	2021 WDALA Annual Meeting
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch (provided with seminar registration) CLE – How Media and the Law Are Learning to Co-Exist in the Digital Age Attorney Jack McDonald
1:30 – 3:30	CLE – Murder in Bowman County – Case Review Britta Demello Rice, Assistant Attorney General & Special Agent Timothy Helmer
3:30 – 4:00	Closing Remarks Drawings Transfer Office Information

Safety Precautions

All individuals entering the ND Heritage Center will be temperature checked. Masks are not required but are encouraged.

Seminar seating is arranged with social distancing standards and reduced maximum capacity.

Food and beverages are prepared with safety precautions in mind.

Location & Registration Information:

North Dakota Heritage Center
Lecture Rooms A, B & Project Room
612 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505
(See attached map)

Parking

Parking is available in the parking lot on the east side of the building. Bus/RV parking is available on the south side of the lot. Enter the ND Heritage Center through the Northern Lights Atrium.

Registration

Please complete the attached registration form and send with your registration fee.

***Please note registration fees increase on the first day of the seminar.**

Cancellations must be received by September 1, 2021 to receive a full refund of the registration fee.

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ETHICS IN THE COURTROOM



Judge Pam Nesvig

Judge Pam Nesvig was appointed to the South Central Judicial District's Judgeship #10 in 2019. She obtained her law degree from the University of North Dakota in 2005. Judge Nesvig worked in private practice at a Grand Forks law firm handling civil litigation for three years before working as a prosecutor in Burleigh County for nine years. Prior to her appointment as a District Judge, she worked as a judicial referee and magistrate judge for four years. Presently, Judge Nesvig runs the South Central Juvenile Drug Court, chairs the State Juvenile Drug Court Advisory Committee, co-chairs the alternatives to juvenile detention committee, and has recently been appointed to chair the Judicial Conduct Commission. She also serves on the guardianship workgroup, the Supreme Court's technology workgroup for remote hearings, and is a member of various legal organizations.



Judge Doug Bahr

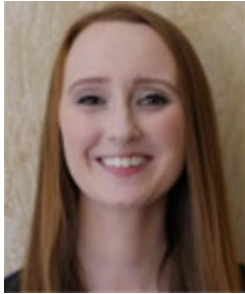
Judge Doug Bahr was appointed to the South Central Judicial District in September 2018 and elected in 2020. Immediately prior to his appointment as a District Judge, Judge Bahr was in private practice in Bismarck. Prior to that he served sixteen years as the North Dakota Solicitor General and Director of the Civil Litigation Division of the North Dakota Office of Attorney General and nine years as an Assistant Attorney General. Judge Bahr is the President of the State Bar Association of North Dakota, Chairs the North Dakota Courts Personnel Policy Board, serves on the North Dakota Courts Joint Procedures Committee, and is the North Dakota Courts' participant in Justice Involved Individuals with Substance Use Disorders: Cultivating Law and Medicine Partnerships. Judge Bahr previously served as President of the State Bar Association of North Dakota Ethics Committee, President of the Association of the Bar of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, and as a member of State Bar Association of North Dakota Advisory Council to the Office of Administrative Hearings.

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE



Justice Lisa McEvers

Lisa K. Fair McEvers is a native of Minto, North Dakota. She earned her B.B.A. degree in Information Management from the University of North Dakota in 1993. She earned her law degree from the University of North Dakota School of Law in 1997. She served as a law clerk to the North Dakota Supreme Court during the 1997-1998 term. She was in private legal practice from 1998-2001 and became a Cass County Assistant State's Attorney in 2001. She was appointed North Dakota Commissioner of Labor by Governor John Hoeven in 2005. She was appointed District Judge by Governor Hoeven in 2010 and elected to the position in 2012. Effective January 1, 2014, she was appointed by Governor Jack Dalrymple to the North Dakota Supreme Court. She was elected in 2016 and re-elected in 2018. She is married to James McEvers.



Law Clerk Katie Carpenter

Katie Carpenter is a law clerk to the Hon. Daniel Traynor, United States District Court, District of North Dakota. From 2019 to 2020 she was a law clerk to the Hon. Justice Lisa Fair McEvers. Justice McEvers and Katie recently co-authored an article for the North Dakota Law Review, 100 Years of Women’s Suffrage: Celebrating Pilgrims on the Journey for Equality- One Step at a Time. Katie graduated cum laude from the University of North Dakota School of Law in 2019. Throughout law school, she was actively involved in several student organizations and advocacy competitions, including moot court, trial team, the International Legal Honor Society of Phi Delta Phi, and law review. Prior to attending law school, Katie worked as a 911 operator in Stutsman County. She graduated magna cum laude from the University of Jamestown in 2015, where she received her Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Spanish, Political Science, and History.

COURT REPORTERS ZOOM IN 2021



Stephanie Smith

Stephanie Smith attended the University of Minnesota – Crookston and graduated from the court reporting program in 1986. Stephanie’s entire career has been with Emineth & Associates in Bismarck, starting in 1986. In July of 2013, Stephanie and Denise Andahl became the owners of Emineth & Associates. During her career, Stephanie and her colleagues have covered thousands of depositions, WSI hearings, public hearings, Public Service Commission hearings, tribal consultations, the whole gamut of court reporting. In her spare time, Stephanie enjoys hunting, fishing and golfing and just being in the outdoors.



Lori Hauge

Lori Hauge was raised in God’s country, a/k/a Crosby, North Dakota. She attended reporting school at Northern Technical School of Business in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Lori began her career as an official court reporter in 1981 in Williston, working for the Hon. Bert L. Wilson. Upon Judge Wilson’s retirement in 1991, Lori began freelancing in Williston and continues in this endeavor to date.

FUNDAMENTALS OF NORTH DAKOTA DUI DEFENSE & FIREARM POSSESSION LAW IN NORTH DAKOTA



Attorney Kevin J. Chapman

Kevin received his Law Degree from the University of North Dakota in 1993 and is admitted to practice law in North Dakota and Montana. Ever since graduating, Kevin has practiced law in his home town of Williston, North Dakota and surrounding communities. After working seven years for a law firm, Kevin opened his own practice, Chapman Law Firm, in 2000. Kevin and his team practice primarily in the areas of criminal defense, DUI defense, personal injury and civil litigation. Kevin is a long time member and current President of the North Dakota Association for Justice and he has served on the Pattern Jury Instruction Committee for the past six years.

Kevin has tried numerous serious criminal defense cases through jury trial. Kevin has achieved not guilty verdicts in deliberate homicide a/k/a murder, DUI, drug offenses, felony negligent homicide, manslaughter, aggravated assault, reckless endangerment, illegal possession of firearms, gross sexual imposition, theft of property, embezzlement, harassment, interference with 911 call, felonious restraint, construction fraud, and more.

HOW MEDIA AND THE LAW ARE LEARNING TO CO-EXIST IN THE DIGITAL AGE



Attorney Jack McDonald

Jack McDonald is a senior partner in the Wheeler Wolf Law Firm, Bismarck, ND. His law practice is split between First Amendment and communications law work, lobbying, and corporation/bankruptcy law. He previously worked for The Bismarck Tribune, The Grand Forks Herald, KXMB-TV, the Associated Press (AP), and United Press International (UPI), and taught journalism at Southern Illinois University and UND before receiving a Masters Degree in Communications from American University in Washington, DC, in 1965 and JD Degree from the UND School of law in 1970.

He worked for the Legislative Council prior to starting private practice in 1975. For the past 46 years he has been a lobbyist before the North Dakota Legislature for many media organizations, community banks, the judiciary, YMCAs, allied health groups, and the health insurance industry. He represents the media in litigation involving corporate issues, defamation, and access to meetings, records, and court proceedings.

Jack and his wife, Connie, recently celebrated their 57th Wedding Anniversary. They have six children and eight grandchildren.

MURDER IN BOWMAN COUNTY CASE REVIEW



Special Agent Timothy Helmer

S/A Timothy Helmer is an agent assigned to the southwest region for ND BCI and is currently stationed in Dickinson, ND. S/A Helmer's role is to assist local, state, and federal agencies with a variety of investigations upon request. Investigations may include a variety of offenses ranging from narcotics, sexual assaults, burglaries, homicides, and fraud.

S/A Helmer participates in a variety of boards throughout the southwest region to include The Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children, the Sexual Assault Response Team and is the Vice President of the Southwest Crime Conference.

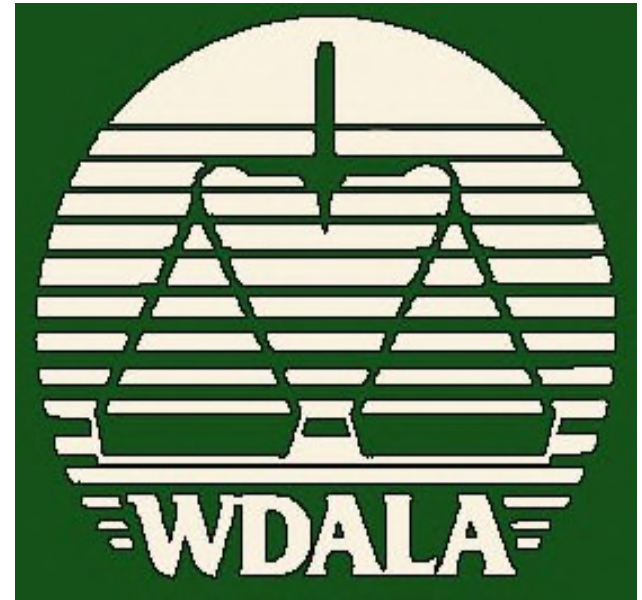
S/A Helmer teaches Interview and Interrogation, Investigation of Sexual Assaults, Crime Scene Processing at the Law Enforcement Training Academy, ND BCI's Basic Investigators course, ND BCI's Advance Investigators course, and others. In addition to teaching a variety of subject matters S/A Helmer is also tasked with being one of ND BCI's Field Training Agents to train in all newly hired Special Agents.



Britta Demello Rice, Assistant Attorney General

Britta Demello Rice is the Division Director of the Criminal & Regulatory Division of the Office of Attorney General. She prosecutes criminal cases across the State of North Dakota; either assisting smaller counties with larger cases or taking conflict cases. Every month, Britta helps lead the Sex Offender Risk Assessment Committee which is tasked with assigning risk levels to registerable sex offenders. Britta also serves on the Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children, the State Child Protection Team, and the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Commission.

Aside from prosecution and her involvement in various committees, Britta spends a portion of her time in a teaching capacity. She teaches Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, and Courtroom Testimony at the Law Enforcement Training Academy in Bismarck.



HAS BEEN



WDLA will be meeting in Project Room/Lecture Room A/Lecture Room B (all of the rooms will be opened into one room).

