

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.

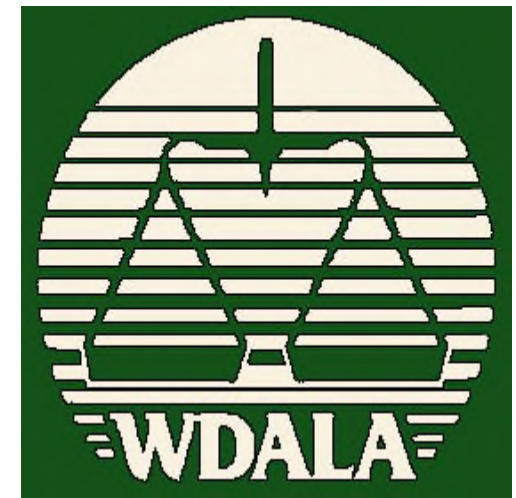
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Western Dakota Association of Legal Assistants

Fall Seminar

September 19 – 20, 2017

North Dakota Heritage Center
612 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505



Tuesday, September 19

- 10:30- 12:30 Board Meeting/Lunch
12:45- 1:15 Registration
1:15- 3:00 Medical Marijuana Panel
3:00- 3:15 Break (snacks included)
3:15- 4:45 Medical Marijuana Panel
4:45- 5:00 Questions

Speakers:

Tara Brandner

Attorney at Law, Attorney General's Office

Lonnie Grabowska

Deputy Chief of BCI, Attorney General's Office

Charlene Rittenbach

Forensic Scientist, Crime Lab, Attorney General's Office

Kenan Bullinger

Director/Medical Marijuana, Department of Health

Mark Hardy, PhD.

Executive Director, State Board of Pharmacy



Wednesday, September 20

- 8:00- 8:30 Registration (beverages included)
8:30- 10:00 Family Parenting Plan/Trial Prep
10:00- 10:15 Break (snacks included)
10:15- 11:45 Mediation in North Dakota: Past, Present & Future
12:00- 1:15 Annual Meeting (lunch included)
1:30- 3:00 Hot Topics
3:00- 3:15 Break (snacks included)
3:15- 4:45 Real Ethics in a Virtual World

Speakers:

Kristin A. Redmann

Attorney at Law, Redmann Law, P.C.

Steven A. Storslee

Attorney at Law, Storslee Law Firm

Kiersten Small

Compliance Investigator, Department of Labor and Human Rights

Justice Daniel J. Crothers

North Dakota Supreme Court

Location & Registration Information:

North Dakota Heritage Center
Lecture Room A
612 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505

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

***Please note registration fees increase on August 20, 2017.**

Cancellations must be received by September 2, 2017 to receive a full refund of the registration fee.

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 has been approved for 9.5 hours of CLE credit, including 1.5 hours of ethics.

This seminar also meets the requirements of SBAND and has been approved for 9.25 hours of ND CLE, including 1.5 hours of ethics.

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ABOUT the Speakers...

Tara Brandner: Tara B. Brandner is an Assistant Attorney General. She has been with the office since June of 2016. She represents the Aeronautics Commission, Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigents, Council on the Arts, Department of Health, Department of Labor, Human Resource Management Services, and Information Technology Department. Prior to working in the Attorney General's Office, Tara was employed with the Minnesota Department of Human Services in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Tara is originally from Bismarck, ND. In 2014, she received her J.D. from the University of St. Thomas School of Law and M.B.A. from the University of St. Thomas Opus College of Business.

Kenan Bullinger: In his current position, Kenan is responsible for the supervision of the newly implemented medical marijuana program. The new Division of Medical Marijuana was created as a result of an initiated measure the voting public approved in November of 2016. Kenan has been employed since 1984 in state government and has held several positions including getting his start as a sanitarian, Registration Division Supervisor, Assistant Director of the Labs Branch, State Crime Lab Director and Director of the Food and Lodging Division.

Kenan received an AA Degree from Bismarck State College and his BS in Biology from the University of North Dakota.

Justice Daniel J. Crothers: Justice Crothers has served on the North Dakota Supreme Court in Bismarck since June 2005. Prior to taking the bench, he was a commercial litigator, a college instructor, and a legal and judicial educator.

Justice Crothers received his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of North Dakota. He has written and lectured on the interaction of technology and legal and judicial ethics, discovery and admissibility of electronically stored information, judicial disqualification, and ethics for new judges and their families, the ethics of independent judicial investigation and more. He has taught lawyers and judges throughout the United States and in Guam and the Virgin Islands.

Lonnie Grabowska: Lonnie has been with the NDBCI since 2003. Prior to joining the Bureau, Lonnie worked as a Patrolman/Detective/SWAT Team Member for the Mandan Police Department, and a Correctional Officer for the Morton County Sheriff's Department.

Lonnie possesses an undergraduate and graduate degree in Management from the University of Mary in Bismarck, ND.

Mark Hardy, PhD.: Mark is the Executive Director of the ND Board of Pharmacy. Mark is a native of Neche, ND and a 2007 graduate of the North Dakota State University College of Pharmacy where he earned his Doctor of Pharmacy Degree. Previous to joining the Board, Mark worked 5 years for Thrifty White Drug in Cavalier, ND and Wadena, MN.

Kristin A. Redmann: Kristin is the founder of Redmann Law, P.C., based out of Bismarck. She practices solely family law, focusing primarily on divorce and custody matters. Kristin lives in Mandan with her husband and their two dogs.

Charlene Rittenbach: Charlene is a Forensic Scientist with the North Dakota Office of Attorney General Crime Laboratory Division. She graduated from the University of North Dakota in 2005 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forensic Science. Prior to graduating, Charlene completed an internship with the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension Crime Laboratory in St. Paul. Charlene has worked as a Forensic Scientist for the North Dakota State Crime Lab for over 11 years and is certified by the American Board of Criminalistics in the disciplines of drug chemistry and fire debris analysis.

Kiersten Small: Kiersten graduated with a Bachelor of Social Work degree from the University of Minnesota, Moorhead. Kiersten has been with the labor department for two (2) years. Prior to joining the department, Kiersten worked as a Safety Manager for two transportation companies, in Fargo and Bismarck.

Steven A. Storslee: Steven is a 1976 graduate of the UND School of Law. He practiced civil litigation for 40 years, representing both plaintiffs and defendants. He now limits his practice to mediation and arbitration.