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Western Dakota Association of Legal Assistants

SPRING SEMINAR

Friday, May 1, 2026



Sleep Inn & Suites
Conference Center and Water Park
2400 10th Street SW
Minot, ND 58701

SEMINAR SCHEDULE

REGISTRATION

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

*Hotel Lobby outside the Atrium Room
Sleep Inn & Suites, Minot, ND*

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Three Affiliated Tribes Civil Matters

Presented by: Sheldon Standish, Legal Advocate
Fort Berthold District Court

Sheldon Standish is an Enrolled Member of the Three Affiliated Tribes. ("Tribe") Sheldon graduated from the University of North Dakota School of Law in May of 2022. Sheldon is currently the lead criminal prosecutor for the Tribe. He has been practicing for the Tribe since September of 2022. Sheldon's client is the Tribe. He is passionate about helping the Tribe navigate the complex legal issues in Indian Country. Sheldon is dedicated to achieving the best possible outcome for the Tribe. He believes it is not always about incarcerating individuals, but rather helping them get into treatment if there are alcohol or drug issues in their lives. By helping the individuals, it helps the Tribe have a more sober community.

10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Break

10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Municipal Courts and their Intersection with the Community

Presented by Nick Schmitz, Assistant Minot City Attorney
City of Minot

Nick Schmitz serves as Assistant City Attorney for the City of Minot, where he has spent the previous five years handling municipal criminal prosecution and advising the City of Minot fire and police departments. Schmitz has recently transitioned into handling planning and zoning, engineering, and public works legal matters in addition to a variety of other municipal leg work. Prior to joining the Minot City Attorneys Office, Schmitz practiced law at Kelsch Law Firm in Mandan, North Dakota. Schmitz earned his Juris Doctor from Regent University and holds a Bachelor's degree in Geography from the University of North Dakota. In his free time, Schmitz enjoys coaching and officiating hockey.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Membership Meeting (Lunch Provided)

1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Eviction Basics: Common Pitfalls & Best Practices

Presented by: Ariston E. Johnson, Attorney at Law
Johnson & Sundeen

Ariston E. Johnson is a fourth-generation North Dakotan and second-generation North Dakota lawyer. He practices at Johnson & Sundeen and the McKenzie County State's Attorney office in Watford City. His private practice includes oil and gas, estate planning, probate, evictions, small business matters, civil litigation, and appeals.

2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Break

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Online Child Exploitation in North Dakota and Why We are Bringing K-9's to the Fight

Presented by: Cassidy J. Halseth, Special Agent
ND Bureau of Criminal Investigation

Special Agent Cassidy Halseth serves as the ICAC Commander for the State of North Dakota, where he helps lead a collaborative effort among more than 100 task force members and over 50 partner agencies working to protect children from exploitation. In this role, he supports investigators across the state, helping coordinate cases, share resources, and ensure victims receive the attention and care they deserve. He has been a Special Agent with the ND BCI since 2017, assigned to the Cyber Crime Unit. Cassidy has been involved with the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force since 2012. He is a Certified Forensic Computer Examiner through the International Association of Computer Investigative Specialists and has received training in a variety of digital forensic tools used in child exploitation investigations. He is partnered with K-9 Special Agent Jab. Together, they assist in locating hidden electronic devices that are often critical to child exploitation cases.

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Spring Seminar Registration

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_____ NALA Members/NALA Affiliate \$75

_____ Non-Member/Paralegal/Legal Assistant \$85

_____ Attorney \$100

_____ Attorney + 1 support staff \$125

_____ Student \$40

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Please register for the seminar as soon as possible to ensure availability of course materials. Cancellations must be made before April 24, 2026 to receive a full refund of the registration fee.

This seminar meets the requirements of the NALA Certifying Board for Paralegal for continuing legal education (CLE) credit required to maintain the CP (Certified Paralegal) credential, and has been approved for 6.0 substantive hours of CLE.

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