WDALA was organized in September 1984, in response to a need for educational programs and to encourage paralegals and legal assistants in Western North Dakota to commit themselves to professional development and continuing education.



## **Objectives & Purpose:**

- 1) To promote continuing legal education for members of the legal profession.
- 2) To promote ethical and professional conduct.
- To promote networking among association members, NALA, and members of the legal community.
- 4) To promote NALA.



WDALA
P.O. Box 371
Bismarck, ND 58502-0371
Info@WDALA.org

**Questions?**Please visit our website www.wdala.org



Western Dakota Association of Legal Assistants

**An Association of Paralegals** 

## Who We Are:

WDALA is a non-profit corporation formed in western North Dakota in 1984. As an association of paralegals, WDALA's primary goals are continuing education and recognition in the legal field. WDALA's membership consists of legal assistants and students from 29 counties, comprising the western half of North Dakota.

WDALA is affiliated with NALA -The Paralegal Association, since June 1985. The national organization offers its affiliates resources and experience and assists in efforts to enhance the professional development members. While some states have approved guidelines for legal assistants and 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 Paralegals.

\*CP and ACP are certifications duly registered with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (No. 78213275). Any unauthorized use of these credentials is strictly forbidden.

## **Volunteering Opportunities:**

Adult Drug Court's Summer Picnic

Santa Run

Adult Drug Court's Christmas gifts and cookies

To learn more or apply for membership, please visit our website: www.wdala.org

## **Benefits of Membership:**

- Continuing legal education seminars, webinars, and teleseminars with registration fee discounts for members.
- The Summons, our legal publication which is published quarterly containing substantive and educational articles pertaining to the legal field.
- Networking opportunities to share experiences, ideas, and questions with fellow members.
- Information about employment opportunities in North Dakota.
- Scholarship opportunities.

