

Certification

Do you have the right stuff? NALS of Central Ohio is dedicated to helping its members keep abreast of changes in the legal field. The most effective way to do that is to increase member marketability and profitability. To that end, we encourage all members to become certified.

ALS ...a basic certification for legal professionals:

Considering the legal profession? The ALS designation is an attainable goal for someone entering the legal support field. Demonstrate your acceptance of the challenge while improving your on-the-job skills in the areas of communication, accounting, office administration, ethics and legal procedures. For more information click on the ALS icon.

PLS ... an advanced certification for legal professionals®

-- A Professional Goal: How do your skills compare with the hallmark of a professional? PLS® is the designation for legal professionals who want to be identified as exceptional. Certification is received after passing a one-day, four-part examination which demonstrates not only dedication to professionalism, but acceptance of the challenge to be exceptional. Personal motivation is necessary to attain such a goal. For more information click on the PLS icon.

General Exam Information

Exams are always given on the last Saturday in September (Saturday, September 27, 2008) and the first Saturday in March (Saturday, March 6, 2009). You can take the exam close to home as we have administrators in Columbus. PLS and ALS applications are due on August 1, 2008 for the September 27, 2008 exam. The last day to apply for the March 6, 2009 exam is January 1, 2009.

The PLS exam will run from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with breaks between parts and an hour and a half for lunch. The ALS exam will run from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with breaks between parts.

For more information: Comprehensive information on the NALS certification program, including references, costs, etc., can be obtained from www.nals.org or you can contact the NALS Education and Certification Manager at the NALS Resource Center, 8159 East 41st Street, Tulsa, OK 74145, telephone (918) 582-5188 ext. 22, fax (918) 582-5907, e-mail: price@nals.org. Resource Center.

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