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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

“APPRECIATION”

APPRECIATION

In a few weeks, it will be time for the chapter to conduct its version of the Oscar ceremony. On May 16, 2006, the envelopes will be opened revealing the Boss of the Year, Member of the Year, and Award of Excellence winner at the 37th Annual Bosses Night celebration at Maggiano’s Italian restaurant. Who will the winners be? Your nominations are needed. If you have yet to do so, please submit your nomination for the Boss of the Year, and Member of the Year. Now may be the time to remind your boss of your achieve-



Sadie Bispham, PP, PLS
President, NALS of Atlanta

ments during the year to assist him or her with preparing their nomination for you as “Award of Excellence” winner. For your convenience in submitting your nominations, you may do so online. Sam Boles, our webmaster, has pro-

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NALS 2006 SCALES OF JUSTICE AWARD

Each year, NALS®, the association for legal professionals, presents the Scales of Justice Award to deserving individuals who improve access to justice, improve the quality of legal services, promote the legal profession, and support the community where they live and work.

NALS of Atlanta has selected someone the chapter feels is deserving

of this award. Our nominee’s name was submitted to The NALS Foundation in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and we are pleased that this award will be presented to retired attorney, Melburne D. McLendon, at the CLE After Hours on April 18, 2006, at 6:00 p.m., at the offices of Burr & Forman LLP. Mr. McLendon saw an article in last April’s issue of the *Georgia Bar Jour-*

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

May 2006

- **Date:** May 1st – @ Law Magazine mailed NALS Membership
- **Date:** May 6th – Deadline to Submit Articles for the Scriptum
- **Date:** May 9th – Executive Committee Meeting Reports Due
- **Date:** May 12th – Scriptum Published
- **Date:** May 16th – Bosses Night / Appreciation of Officers
- **Date:** May 17th – 2006 / 2007 Business Year Begins

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 May Day	2	3	4	5 Mom's Birthday	6 Deadline to Submit Items for Scriptum
7	8	9 Executive Committee Meeting	10	11	12 Scriptum Published	13
14	15	16 Bosses Night Appreciation/ Installation	17 2006/2007 Business Year Begins	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Memorial Day			

NALS CODE OF ETHICS

Members of the NALS are bound by the objectives of this association and the legal standards of conduct required of the legal profession.

Every member shall:

- Encourage respect for the law and the administration of justice.
- Observe rules governing privileged communications and confidential information.
- Promote and exemplify high standards of loyalty, cooperation, and courtesy.
- Perform all duties of the profession with integrity and competence.
- Pursue a high order of professional attainment.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONT'D)

“APPRECIATION”

vided nomination links on the www.nalsofatlanta.org website. Though much has been done in preparation for Bosses Night, there is still much to do and Virginia Kane, Chair, Bosses Night Committee could use your assistance. If you would be interested in assisting with the final preparations, please contact Virginia at law firm of Burr & Forman.

Wow, it's hard to believe this year is about to end and another to start. I feel a certain bittersweet with the ending of this year as this has been, in my humble opinion, an eventful year. I am most appreciative of the opportunity to have served as your president. To the Executive Commit-

tee, Lovette Bennett, Immediate-Past President; Kim Noble, Vice President; Kathy Saint, Treasurer; Lynne Gehrke, Secretary; and Ron Rymut, Publication Chair, thank you so much for being there for me. To all you wonderful members, thank you so much for your individual contributions. Last, but certainly not least, many thanks to our guest speakers and vendors for their interest and generous support to the endeavors of this association.

Congratulations to our new board of officers: MaryKathryn Largent, Vice President; Belinda Ellerby, Secretary; and Kathy Saint, Treasurer. I look forward to the New Year and to the opportunity of working with these wonderful individuals.

Thank you for the wonderful memories. I appreciate you so much.

Sadie Bispham, PP, PLS
President NALS of Atlanta

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**You are invited . . . to attend
NALS of Atlanta's
37th Annual Bosses' Night
Award Ceremony Banquet
- *You Are A Star***

Date: Tuesday, May 16, 2006

Location: *Maggiano's* Little Italy-Buckhead

Time: 6:00p arrival; 6:30p cocktails; 7:00p dinner

Cost: \$33 per person; bring your boss and/or guest(s)

Looking forward to see you at this great annual event!

**Remember to Purchase Your Raffle Tickets
for the "Basket of Cheer"**

**In connection with Bosses Night/Award
Banquet on May 16, 2006**

The cost of the raffle tickets are:

Individual Tickets - \$2.00

**Get 3 tickets for only
\$5.00**



NALS of Atlanta
37th Annual Bosses' Night
and Installation of 2006 Officers

Tuesday, May 16, 2006
Maggiano's Little Italy-Buckhead
3368 Peachtree Road
Atlanta, GA 30326
(valet parking available/MARTA Station across the street)
6:30 pm - *Cocktails*; 7:00 pm - *Dinner*

RSVP - NALS OF ATLANTA

receive by May 8, 2006 (*via mail*)

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ for _____ dinner(s)
@ \$33 each for myself and the following guest(s) [*print names*]:

Make check payable to: NALS of Atlanta, and mail to:

Virginia Kane, Banquet Chair
Boss of the Year Committee
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LEAVING ON A JET PLANE . . . AIRPORT SECURITY (TASA) AND YOUR RIGHTS

Mr. Cortright is a Major General in the National Guard and is currently the Federal Security Director with Homeland Security, Transportation Security Administration. He gave us some helpful tips for navigating through airport security and other useful tips:

- Don't overpack
- Don't pack food and drinks
- Don't pack stacks of books – they set off the alarm
- Jewelry, money, film, laptops and fragile items should not be placed in checked baggage
- Use “TSA” locks on your luggage, which are locks the agency has a master key to unlock them rather than leave them unlocked. The information for obtaining these locks can be found on the website – www.tsa.gov
- He gave us acronym - WTMD – Walk Through Metal Detector. He also told us what a “puffer” is – a dog that sniffs for anything that could possibly be explosives.
- Pack under 16 oz. size hair spray (or other flammables)
- 4th Amendment rights when flying are somewhat less than otherwise because the need to provide security outweighs your 4th Amendment “search and seizure” rights.
- “Electronic” 4th Amendment rights entail the use of a new “puffer and screen scanner” that eliminates the need for personal search. This is a new option being used currently in airports like Heathrow in London.
- He discussed having names being removed from the “watch list” of flyers and said contacting an “ombudsman” on the TSA website is the remedy.
- “Curbside check-in” for bags at the airport is now costing around \$2.00 per bag, but it is still an option for flyers.

Steven Cortright, Esq.
Introduced by Gay Sellers, PLS

LEGAL MALPRACTICE – HOW TO HELP YOUR FIRM

Ms. Deaton gave a PowerPoint presentation which was handed out to the attendees in color format and spiral-bound. (They ran out and will be mailing copies to those of us who did not receive one.)

- ❖ The average legal malpractice award is \$643,000, and lawsuits are likely to increase.
- ❖ The stigma for suing your attorney is not there anymore because of the attitude of the younger generation.

The top 10 malpractice claims by area of practice by percent:

▪ Personal injury	19.96
▪ Real estate	6.46
▪ Business transactions	3.18
▪ Family law	9.56
▪ Corporate/Business Organization	6.37
▪ Collection and Bankruptcy	7.92
▪ Estate, tax and profit	8.63
▪ Criminal _____	

Most common errors (alleged):

- Failure to properly know or apply the law
- Planning errors
- Inadequate discovery
- Failure to obtain client consent
- Failure to know deadlines
- Procrastination in performance

Solution: Make a list and have the attorney sign or check off the “to-do list.”

1985-95 Types of Alleged Error:

1. Failure to know or apply the law
2. Failure to calendar
3. Administrative
4. Procrastination
5. Lost file
6. Failure to file documents

Top 10 Malpractice Traps:

1. Missing deadlines
2. Stress and substance abuse
3. Poor client relations
4. Ineffective client screening
5. Inadequate research and investigation
6. Conflicts of interest and conflict of matter

LEGAL MALPRACTICE – HOW TO HELP YOUR FIRM

7. Inappropriate involvement in client interests
8. Lack of adequate documentation of work
9. Serious efforts to collect a fee (like overdoing it)
10. Unwillingness to believe you may be sued for malpractice

Preventing legal malpractice help tips:

Advise your lawyers to carry professional liability insurance
Treat every piece of paper in your file as if it were to be scrutinized by a Plaintiff's attorney
Do what you can do to help keep clients satisfied
Be careful about written documents in your file
Print those emails
Be careful about calendar
Encourage your lawyer not to sue a client for fees
Encourage your attorney not to take on cases outside his/her area of expertise

Ms. Deaton concluded her presentation with Colorado Bar Association's "Ten Commandments":

11. Keep your client constantly advised of the status of the case, analysis of the case, expected and incurred fees or expenses, and all client options
12. During client intake, but prior to representation, obtain enough information about the matter so that you can identify potential conflicts of interest
13. Never promise more than you can deliver. Listen to the prospective client! Determine whether he/she has reasonable expectations regarding the ultimate result and the time in which those results can be achieved
14. Confirm in writing the terms of the prospective attorney/client relationship (engagement letter and/or fee contract)
15. Confirm in writing as soon as possible a declination of representation
16. Use a docket or calendar management system to ensure timely compliance not only with filing requirements but also for client communication
17. Document, document, document
18. Confirm in writing all terms of settlement offers and demands both with the client and opposing counsel
19. Maintain a systematic approach to file organization. Use a filing system which permits the entire file to be made available on short notice, and store active files in the same consistent place
20. Confirm (in writing) the termination of services upon completion of a matter, including an appropriate financial accounting



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NALS 2006 SCALES OF JUSTICE AWARD

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nal about local attorneys who initiated a program following the September 11, 2001 attacks, in an effort to assist firefighters, emergency medical technicians and police with writing their wills, free of charge. This aroused McLendon’s interest and caused him to seek a way to improve access to justice for another group of America’s heroes, the veterans who were in the V.A. Hospital in Decatur, Georgia. Mr. McLendon volunteered at the hospital, and was given a small office from which to serve the veterans with legal advice and aid on a *pro bono* basis. Mr. McLendon is 84 years of age, and stated that he has “never found a more rewarding endeavor” than he did by providing this service to our heroes.

He helps handle wills, powers of attorney, lease problems, divorces, child support matters and similar issues that confront veterans. His influence has prompted other attorneys to decide to help veterans with legal matters.

Mr. McLendon is a graduate of the University of Georgia, was admitted to the bar on March 1, 1949, and practiced law in Atlanta for 36 years. He retired in 1986 and continues to reside in Atlanta.

Lovette Bennett
 Immediate Past President
 NALS of Atlanta

APRIL SUNSHINE REPORT

April Showers brings May flowers



HAPPY ANNI VERSARY:
Rays of Sunshine to: MI CHEL AND SAM BOLES
(Celebrating 8 years on Friday, April 7)



April Birthdays:



Ellerby, Belinda K.	April 4
Leopard, Cynthia	April 4
Renney, Aleta J.	April 8
Samples, Elaine	April 11
Bogans, Sheryl, PP, PLS	April 14
Binder, Kasey	April 17

REPORT OF NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS CHAIR

Thank you to president Sadie for allowing me to serve as nominations and elections chair. It was my pleasure to work with such enthusiastic, wonderful candidates. For those of you unable to personally attend the March meeting, it is my pleasure to let you know that the following were elected as your officers for 2006-2007:

PRESIDENT	SADIE BISPHAM, PP, PLS
VICE PRESIDENT	MARYKATHRYN LARGENT
SECRETARY	BELINDA K. ELLERBY
TREASURER	KATHY SAINT, PP, PLS

Please show your support for the new board and your association by participating in upcoming events. Bosses Night will be fabulous, and there are many wonderful speakers and other activities planned for the upcoming year.

Thank you again for allowing me to be a part of this new beginning.

Nancy Mikacevich, PLS
Nominations & Elections Chair 2006-2007



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	Lovette Bennett (co-chair) lovette.bennett@sablaw.com	404-853-8609
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Membership	Kim Noble, PP, PLS kyn@mmmlaw.com	404-233-7000
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NALS of Georgia Representative #2 (Through 6/07)	Nancy Mikacevich, PLS nmikacevich@kilpatrickstockton.com	404-815-6558
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Scholarship Planning	Vacant	
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Sunshine Committee	Susan L. Weaver (co-chair) sweaver@wcsr.com	404-888-7385
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Securities and Exchange Commission

Presentation at March 21, 2006 CLE After Hours by Guest Speaker, Debbie Hampton, Esq., Senior Enforcement Attorney U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission - Atlanta District Office

Ms. Hampton began by telling us that the SEC is a law enforcement and regulatory agency that protects the integrity of the securities markets and the interest of investors. With approximately 3,500 employees nationwide, including 1,500 lawyers, the SEC is small for a federal agency, but it plays a major role in shaping national and international market policy.

The Commission's Washington, DC, headquarters is home to more than half of its lawyers. The SEC employs regulatory and enforcement attorneys in its eleven regional and district offices, including the Atlanta office from which Ms. Hampton works.

The SEC was born out of the October 1929 stock market crash and the Great Depression. Felix Frankfurter, serving as informal advisor to President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, chose the drafters of the Securities Act of 1933, which embodies Louis Brandeis' view that "sunlight is the best of disinfectants" for publicly traded companies. Frankfurter also recruited drafters for the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

which created the Commission, and helped to recruit its first three chairmen, Joseph P. Kenney (father of President John F. Kennedy), James Landis, and William O. Douglas. These chairmen presided over the establishment of the agency and the creation of the National Association of Securities Dealers, the self-regulatory organization for over-the-counter markets. The agency's fourth chairman, Jerome Frank, saw the extension of the SEC's oversight to mutual funds and investment advisors through the Investment Company Act of 1940 and the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. These individuals gave the SEC a legacy of professionalism and creativity that continues today.

The Divisions of the SEC are: Enforcement, Corporation Finance, Market Regulation and Investment Management. Offices include the General Counsel, Office of Compliance Inspections and Examinations, Office of International Affairs and then the Regional and District Offices.

Approximately one-third of the SEC's lawyers work in its network of five regional and six district offices. Most of these are enforcement lawyers, who tradi-

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"...actions instituted by the Commission. These actions include: insider trading; market manipulation; violations by regulated entities, financial fraud by reporting companies; issuer fraud, and fraud over the internet."

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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tionally file about two-thirds of the enforcement actions instituted by the Commission. These actions include: insider trading; market manipulation; violations by regulated entities, financial fraud by reporting companies; issuer fraud, and fraud over the internet. These offices are responsible for litigating the cases they file or institute. The offices also have regulatory staffs, composed primarily of accountants and examiners, who examine



Hashiguchi Restaurant
March 21, 2006 CLE Meeting

regulated entities and self-regulatory organizations.

Debbie outlined the responsibilities of enforcement lawyers: investigate, develop, and institute civil and administrative actions involving violations of the federal securities laws; present recom-

mended actions and settlements to the Commission for approval; participate in settlement negotiations, and when necessary, help to litigate these cases before federal district courts or administrative law judges.

The goals of the Securities and Exchange Commission are to guard the nation's public securities markets to make sure our markets are the world's fairest. The laws are enforced to require people who raise money from investors to tell the truth -- our markets are honest and orderly and the securities business serves the needs of investors. The guiding philosophy of the SEC is one of full disclosure. The number of Americans with a personal stake in the securities markets has never been higher. Securities markets are changing quickly. The growth of online trading, alternative trading systems, access to foreign markets and extended trading hours will require rethinking of many SEC rules and enforcement strategies in the future. As our markets increasingly transcend national boundaries, the SEC must protect U.S. investors while accommodating the global movement of capital.

Summized by
Lynne Gehrke
Secretary

NALS OF ATLANTA: MINUTES OF "CLE AFTER HOURS" MARCH 21, 2006

Welcome

The March "CLE After Hours" was held at Hashiguchi, Jr. Japanese Restaurant, 3400 Wooddale Drive, Suite C-520, Atlanta, Georgia and was called to order at 6:25 p.m. by President, Sadie Bispham.

Present at this meeting were: Sadie Bispham, PP, PLS, President; Lovette Bennett, Immediate Past President; Kim Noble, PP, PLS, Vice President; Lynne Gehrke, Secretary; Kathy Saint, PP, PLS, Treasurer; Anita Aaron (Co-Chairman – Sunshine Committee); Sheryl Harris-Bogans; Misty L. Carlson; Charley Denham, PP, PLS, (Chairperson -- Certifications Committee); Mary Jo Denman, PP, PLS, 2005-2006 NALS President; Belinda Ellerby; Melita J. Ellington; Donna Fuller; Marge Jones; MaryKathryn Largent; Nancy Mikacevich, PLS (Chairperson – Elections Committee); Lisa Mitchum; Monica H. Murack; Harold W. Phipps of the Norcross Group; Debra Staples, PP, PLS; Sally Stenger, PP, PLS; and Susan Weaver, PLS (Co-Chairman – Sunshine Committee). President Bispham was pleased to welcome our speaker for the evening, Debbie Hampton as well as Misty L. Carlson, a new member, and our guests, Shelley Rose, Sharon Nix and Jane Fieldings. In addition, President Bispham acknowledged and thanked Charley Denham for suggesting and coordinating this meeting at Hasiguchi, Jr. restaurant.

President Bispham was also pleased to

announce the forthcoming marriage of Angela Greene whose new last name will be Skeete.

On a sad note, President Bispham shared the news of the death of David Holmes, beloved brother to our member, Rebecca Ragusa, of Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice. David passed from this life on Saturday, March 18. Expressions of sympathy can be sent to Peck Funeral Home, Highway 31 South, Hartselle, AL 35640. President Bispham asked that we remember Becky and her family in our prayers.

Inspiration

Sheryl Harris- Bogans of Morris Manning & Martin gave the inspiration. She shared a piece titled "Only God can make a New Year."

Introduction of Guest Speaker

Charley Denham, PP, PLS, Chairperson -- Certification Committee had the honor of introducing Debbie Thompson Hampton a native of Burlington, North Carolina, as our guest speaker tonight. In 1989, Ms. Hampton received her B.A. degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a double major in psychology and communications. In 1992, she received her Juris Doctorate from Wake Forest University College of Law.

After law school graduation, she became a prosecutor in Fulton County, Georgia. She was the first recipient

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*President
Bispham was
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the evening,
Debbie
Hampton as
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L. Carlson, a
new member,
and our
guests,
Shelley Rose,
Sharon Nix
and Jane
Fieldings.*

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of the Prosecutorial Excellence Award and has been practicing securities (stocks and bonds) law for the past twelve years. She was Chief Counsel with the Georgia Secretary of State’s Office – Securities and Business Regulation, and currently serves in the capacity of Senior Enforcement Attorney with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission – Atlanta District Office. She investigates, among other matters, suspicions of market manipulation, insider trading, accounting irregularities, and books and records infractions.

Speaker Presentation

For a summary of Ms. Hampton’s remarks, please see the separate article in this issue on Securities and Exchange Commission.

Election of Officers for 2006 – 2007

Nancy Mikacevich, Chair Nominations Committee, presented the following slate of candidates. President, Sadie Bispham, PP, PLS; Vice President, Marjorie Jones and MaryKathryn Largent; Secretary, Belinda K. Ellerby; and for Treasurer, Kathy Saint, PP, PLS. The election was conducted according to Roberts Rules of Order. The offices of President, Secretary, and Treasurer each had one candidate. Nancy asked for further nominations from the floor for each office. Hearing none, nominations were closed and said candidates were elected to their respective offices by acclamation. Nancy then asked for

further nominations from the floor for the office of Vice President. Hearing none, nominations were closed. Each candidate gave a brief bio. Vote was by ballot. Nancy Mikacevich and Lovette Bennett were appointed tellers. MaryKathryn Largent was elected Vice President. A motion was made, seconded and carried that all ballots be destroyed.

New Member Initiation

Kim Noble, Vice President and Membership Chairperson initiated new member, Misty L. Carlson, who swore to abide by the NALS Code of Ethics. Kim presented Misty with a NALS membership pin, and new member Certificate of Membership suitable for framing.

Announcements

Member of the Year Nomination – Kathy Saint, Chair, MOY

Each year NALS of Atlanta members select one person to be named Member of the Year. The voting for this award will be handled by secret ballot at our April 18 CLE After hours. The winner will not be announced until our Bosses’ Night event in May. Members are asked to consider who within our chapter has contributed to the chapter’s success, and thus deserves to be honored with this special award. Members may submit the name of a nominee, along with a brief comment as to why they feel this individual is worthy of receiving this

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NALS OF ATLANTA: MINUTES OF "CLE AFTER HOURS" MARCH 21, 2006

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award. Nominations will be accepted until April 7. A list of all nominees will be printed in the April *Scriptum*. The winner will be elected by a majority vote and will be revealed at Bosses' Night on May 16, 2006.

Career Opportunities

Legal Assistant to midsize firm in Decatur; great working environment, competitive salary and direct access to beautiful downtown Decatur. If you come to Decatur, you will not want to return to downtown, midtown or Buckhead. Please send resumes to Bryan A. Downs, Esq. and mention NALS of Atlanta.

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5+ years exp. desired. Salary based on experience.

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March 22 – Meet Your President –
Cathy Hankins, NALS 36th President – NALS Online Chat – 9 p.m. (Eastern Time)

Next CLE After Hours – April 18, 2006

Topic: Maritime Law

Speaker: Laurie Dugoniths, Esq.
(Fellows Johnson & La Briola, LLP)
Location: Burr & Forman, LLP

Adjournment

There being no additional items left on the Agenda, the CLE After Hours was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. by President Bispham.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynne L. Gehrke
Secretary

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“Georgia-Pacific Company has several full-time openings for Legal Administrative Assistants”

“Litigation secretary in Marietta...”

“Corporate Paralegal for Midtown Firm Commercial Real Estate/ Transactional Paralegal for midsize downtown firm...”

**NALS OF ATLANTA
MAY 2006 – JULY 2006
ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE
(AS OF APRIL 14, 2006)**

APRIL 2006

- APRIL 18 - CLE AFTER HOURS
GUEST SPEAKER: LAURIE DUGONITHS, ESQ.
(FELLOWS JOHNSON & LA BRIOLA, LLP)
TOPIC: **MARITIME LAW AND THE ROLE OF THE LEGAL SUPPORT STAFF**
LOCATION: BURR & FORMAN
- APRIL 25 - ATLANTA AREA EVENT - LUNCH AND LEARN
(HOSTED BY ARNALL GOLDEN GREGORY, LLP)
- APRIL 26 - ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY
- APRIL 27 - DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS FOR BOSS OF YEAR

SPECIAL EVENTS:

ELECTION MEMBER OF THE YEAR (MOY)
BOSS OF THE YEAR (BOY) - NOMINATIONS
AWARD OF EXCELLENCE - NOMINATIONS
COMMITTEES ANNUAL REPORTS DUE TO PRESIDENT AT
EC MEETING ON APRIL 11, 2006

MAY 2006

- MAY 5 - DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR PUBLICATION IN SCRIPTUM
- MAY 9 - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BUSINESS/PLANNING MEETING
- MAY 15 - SCRIPTUM PUBLISHED
- MAY 16 - BOSSES NIGHT APPRECIATION/INSTALLATION
OF OFFICERS - MAGGIANO'S IN BUCKHEAD
- MAY 17 - 2006-2007 BUSINESS YEAR BEGINS

SPECIAL EVENTS:

LAW DAY

JUNE 2006

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MAY 2006 – JULY 2006
ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE
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- JUNE 2 – DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR PUBLICATION IN SCRIPTUM
- JUNE 9 – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BUSINESS/PLANNING MEETING
- JUNE 15 – SCRIPTUM PUBLISHED
- JUNE 10 – LEADERSHIP RETREAT
- JUNE 13 – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BUSINESS/PLANNING MEETING
- JUNE 20 – CLE AFTER HOURS
 - TOPIC: EMPLOYMENT LAW
 - SPEAKER: JERRY McCUMBER, ESQ.
 - LOCATION: BROWN REPORTING, INC. -
1740 PEACHTREE STREET, ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30309

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- LAW DAY - JUNE 1
- SERVICE JURIS DAY - JUNE 24

JULY 2006

- JULY 7 – DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR PUBLICATION IN SCRIPTUM
- JULY 9 – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BUSINESS/PLANNING MEETING
- JULY 15 – SCRIPTUM PUBLISHED
- JULY 18 – CLE AFTER HOURS
 - TOPIC: LEADERSHIP
 - SPEAKER: DR. RYBACK
 - SPECIAL EVENTS:**



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THE ASSOCIATION
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**MAY 16, 2006
37TH ANNUAL BOSSES NIGHT AND
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

**WILL BE HELD AT THE
MAGGIANO'S LITTLE ITALY – BUCKHEAD
3368 PEACHTREE ROAD
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30326
404-816-9650**

NEXT MONTHS GUEST SPEAKER

SPEAKER: *****

TOPIC: *****