

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.



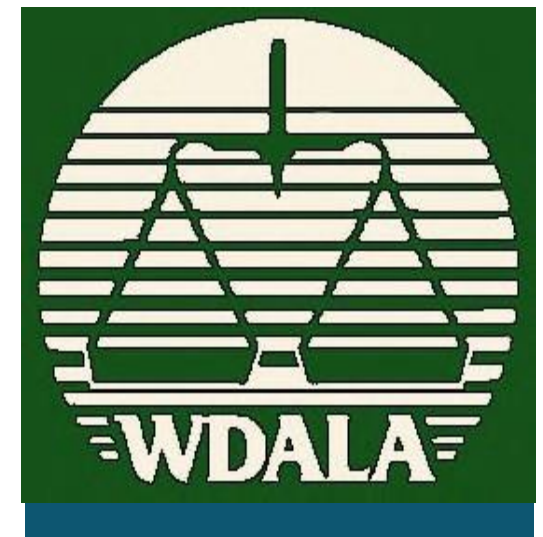
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Fall Seminar

September 29-30, 2020

North Dakota Heritage Center
Lecture A & B/Project Rooms
612 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505



Tuesday, Sept. 29

9:00 – 9:20	Registration Refreshments
9:20 – 9:30	Welcome/Opening Remarks – Alice M. Johnson, ACP, WDALA President
9:30 – 11:30	ND School for the Deaf – Pam Smith and Kathy Frelich
11:30 – 12:30	Lunch (on your own)
12:30 – 2:00	Agging & Disability Resource LINK – Amy Ingersoll-Johnson
2:00 – 2:15	Break Refreshments - Drawings
2:15 – 3:45	Family Caregiver Support Program – Mary Weltz
3:45 – 4:00	Closing Announcements – Drawings

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 application has been made **for 9.5 hours of CLE credit, including 1 hour of ethics.**

SBAND approval has been applied for **9.5 ND CLE credits, including 1.0 ND Ethics credit.** Event number will be provided.

Wednesday, Sept. 30

9:00 – 9:15	Registration Refreshments
9:15 – 10:45	N.D. Ethics Commission David L. Thiele
10:45 – 11:00	Break - Drawings
11:00 – 12:30	2020 WDALA Annual Meeting
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch (provided with seminar registration) Keynote Speaker - Legal Services of ND – Brad Peterson
1:30 – 3:30	Service Dogs for America and Their Use With the Courts – Jenny BrodKorb
3:30 – 4:00	Closing Remarks – Drawings
4:00 – 4:45	Closing Remarks/Drawings/ Transfer officer information

Safety Precautions

All individuals entering the ND Heritage Center will be temperature checked. Masks are not required but are encouraged.

Seminar seating is arranged with social distancing standards and reduced maximum capacity.

Food and beverages are prepared with safety precautions in mind.

Location & Registration Information:

North Dakota Heritage Center
Lecture Rooms A, B & Project Room
612 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505
(See attached map)

Parking

Parking is available in the parking lot on the east side of the building. Bus/RV parking is available on the south side of the lot. Enter the ND Heritage Center through the Northern Lights Atrium.

Registration

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

***Please note registration fees increase on the first day of the seminar.**

Cancellations must be received by September 21, 2020 to receive a full refund of the registration fee.

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NORTH DAKOTA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF



PAM SMITH

Pam Smith is the Coordinator of the Adult Outreach department for the North Dakota School for the Deaf/Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing. She holds Master's degrees in Educational Administration and in Gerontology, and Bachelor's degrees in Deaf Education and Secondary Education/Psychology. Pam has more than twenty-five years of experience working with the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.



KATHY FRELICH

Kathy Frelich has a Bachelor's degree in Human Resources. Prior to joining our Outreach team, Kathy worked for Eventide-Heartland Skilled Nursing Facility for 17 years, 9 of those as the Director of Social Services. She also worked as a Residential Coordinator, managing a home for people with developmental disabilities. Kathy has been with our team since 2015.

"The Legal System and the Deaf or Hard of Hearing Community"

The goal of this presentation is to ensure that legal services to the Deaf or Hard of Hearing community are both culturally affirmative and linguistically appropriate. Additionally, we will provide a better understanding of hearing loss, the ADA, effective communication, and issues surrounding competency of Deaf individuals in the Criminal Justice System.

Our audience will learn about hearing loss as an invisible disability, its prevalence and its impact on communication. We will explain how the ADA applies to the Courts and legal settings/strategies for those who are Deaf or hard of hearing. We will discuss Deaf Culture and the use of American Sign Language/Interpreters. We will introduce language deprivation and illustrate how it affects one's ability to provide appropriate legal services. We will demonstrate a variety of equipment/services that are available to improve communication.



ND School for the Deaf/Resource Center
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AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE LINK AMY INGERSOLL-JOHNSON

Amy has worked for the Department of Human Services since 2016 as Vulnerable Adult Protective Services (VAPS) intake worker and as the Aging and Disability Resource LINK (ADRL). She completed her internship with VAPS investigations unit, and graduated in May with her Bachelor of Social Work degree through University of North Dakota. She also has degrees in Criminal Justice and Human Services. Her work experience includes Eligibility Worker for Burleigh County Services, Medical Care Coordinator for ND Army National Guard, and Communications Specialist (911 dispatcher) for Morton County Sheriff's Department.

Amy holds positions on the North Dakota Women's Network Board of Directors, the NASW-ND Board of Directors and the North Dakota Planned Parenthood Advisory Committee. She previously served on the Bismarck Human Relations Committee. Amy is currently pursuing her Master of Social Work degree through University of North Dakota and will graduate in 2021.

The presentation will be on North Dakota's Vulnerable Adult Protective Services Program. We will discuss what the program is about, who we serve and how we help people stay safe; as well as resource alternatives for those with decision making capacity and interest in supportive services. You will learn how to recognize who is considered a vulnerable adult, identify types of abuse and signs of abuse, and understand how to report abuse in later life.



FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM **Mary Weltz**

Mary Weltz grew up in New Rockford ND. She has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Gerontology from Minot State University. Mary worked as a Long Term Care Facility Administrator for 17 years and had a financial services practice for 13 years. She joined the Department of Human Services Aging Services Division in 2011 at the regional level in Devils Lake. In 2015, Mary came to the Aging State Office to fill the role of the State Program Administrator of the National

Family Caregiver Support Program. Mary and her husband Sheldon now reside in Mandan. They have two adult daughters, two granddaughters, and recently welcomed their first grandson.

Give Me a Break – Caregiving for All Ages

This session will explore the importance of people recognizing that they are caregivers, helping others recognize that they are caregivers, and explain the importance of taking short breaks to take care of yourself as a caregiver.

Objectives:

- Participants will be provided with tools to self-identify and help others identify as caregivers. People who identify as caregivers tend to be more open to searching for information to help them stay healthy in their caregiving journey.
- Participants will learn the importance of getting short breaks (respite) from caregiving.
- Participants will receive information on the Lifespan Respite Care Grant, including how to access funding for respite through the grant, education opportunities on caregiving, and the work of the North Dakota Respite Coalition.



NORTH DAKOTA ETHICS COMMISSION **David L. Thiele, Executive Director**

DAVE THIELE was hired in January 2020 to serve as the Executive Director of the newly created Ethics Commission. Thiele retired from the North Dakota National Guard in the fall of 2019 after 33 years of military service. Prior to joining the North Dakota National Guard in 1995, he served in the U.S. Army for eight years as a Judge Advocate. During his 25 years of service with the North Dakota National Guard, he has served in a myriad of key positions to include United States Property and Fiscal Officer; Commander of the 164th Regiment Regional Training Institute; Director of Personnel (J-1); Staff Judge Advocate for the Joint Force Headquarters and Provost Marshal. From 2009-2010, he was assigned as the Command Judge Advocate for Kosovo Forces 12 along with nearly 650 North Dakota National Guard members supporting United Nations peacekeeping efforts in that region.

Thiele is a graduate of the University of North Dakota, School of Law and the US Army War College with a Masters in Strategic Studies.



LEGAL SERVICES OF NORTH DAKOTA
Bradley Peterson, Att'y at Law

BRADLEY PETERSON is the Director of Special Projects with the Bismarck Office of Legal Services of North Dakota. His office provides legal services to 18 counties in the state. Brad represents a wide variety of clients on various legal issues. Brad has argued numerous cases before the North Dakota Supreme including Interest of R.W.S. which prohibited the uniform practice of shackling juveniles in the courtroom. He has previously presented to the National Drug Court Conference, North Dakota State Bar Young Lawyer's Program, North Dakota Juvenile Court Seminar as well as Continuing Legal Educations Programs sponsored by the State Bar on issues pertaining to Indian Law. Prior to joining Legal Services of North Dakota, Brad served as the Managing Attorney for the Fort

Yates Office of Dakota Plains Legal Services on the Standing Rock Sioux Nation. For over twenty years Brad has served an adjunct faculty member of Sitting Bull College located on Standing Rock. Brad serves at the Chief Justice of the Standing Rock Sioux Supreme Court.



SERVICE DOGS FOR AMERICA
AND THEIR USE WITH THE COURTS
Jenny BrodKorb

Jenny BrodKorb is the Executive Director of Service Dogs for America running their extensive training facility in Jud, North Dakota.

Service Dogs for America (SDA) trained its first service dog in 1989 and placed it with SDA's first client in 1990. Since this time, SDA has placed over 300 service dogs in over 41 states and Canada.

In 1992, SDA was officially designated as a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization. SDA is an accredited service dog school and member of Assistance Dogs International. Assistance Dogs International has developed minimum

standards and ethics which all member programs must follow. These standards and ethics form the basis of the ADI accreditation program and include:

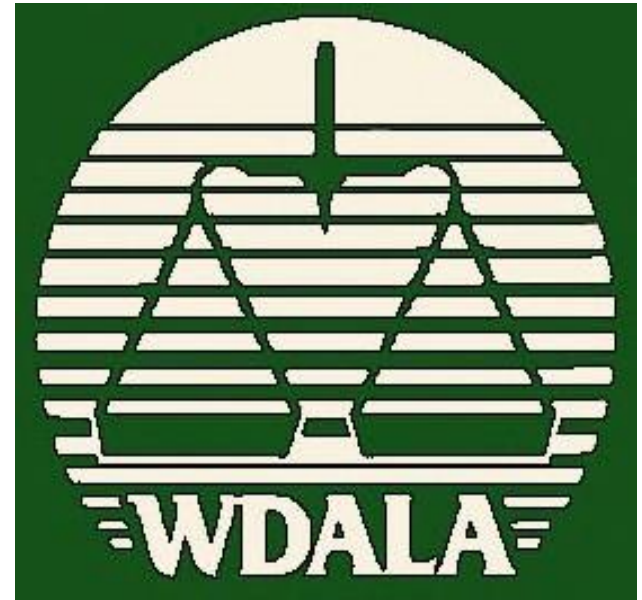
- Ethics for Dogs
- Standards for Service Dogs in Public
- Training Standards for Service and Facility Dogs
- Ethics for Clients
- Standards for Service Dog Partners/Teams
- Standards for Programs
- Standards for Trainers

SDA trains and places service dogs to assist with mobility issues, diabetic and seizure disorders, and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). SDA does not train or place dogs that would assist with any type of visual or hearing impairment.

The **mission** of SDA is: *"To train and certify service dogs for individuals with disabilities."*

The **vision** of SDA is: *"To see a society where disabled individuals are able to fully participate in social, educational and occupational opportunities."*

SDA is committed to providing superior customer service that is timely, responsive with a passion for excellence while meeting or exceeding our client's expectations, community needs, and superior care of the canines in our program.



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WDLA will be meeting in Project Room/Lecture Room A/Lecture Room B (all of the rooms will be opened into one room).

