



Your Association News

ALA CALENDAR



march 15

Certified Legal Manager (CLM)SM Exam
Application Deadline

march 17

Webinar – Law Firm Innovation: Will You Lead or Follow?

april 21

Webinar – Administrator's Role as Coach
in a Multi-Generational Workplace

may 2

Certified Legal Manager (CLM)SM Exam
Boston, Massachusetts



may 3-6

ALA Annual Conference & Exposition
The John B. Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center
Boston, Massachusetts

may 19

Webinar – Social Networking Revolution

PLAN YOUR CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE – ONLINE!

For ALA Annual Conference attendees, we have added an interactive online planner that creates a customized conference schedule. Here, you can add things to your schedule such as Educational Sessions, Vendor Showcase Sessions, Special Events and Optional Tours. With the planner, you can also add your personal events, like meetings and lunches. Get started at www.alanet.org/conf.

ALA CHAPTER ANNIVERSARIES

The ALA Chapters below are celebrating anniversaries in February or March.

35 YEARS

Puget Sound Chapter

30 YEARS

Alaska Chapter
Middle Tennessee Chapter
Orange County Chapter
West Michigan Chapter

25 YEARS

Sarasota-Manatee Chapter

20 YEARS

East Bay Chapter

NEW OFFICE IN CALIFORNIA

International law firm Greenberg Traurig, LLP, which employs several ALA members, recently announced the opening of its fifth California office in San Francisco.



MEMBERS ON THE MOVE



Dara M. Van Dijk is now the Regional Office Manager of Adams and Reese LLP in St. Petersburg, Florida. Adams and Reese, ranked by *The American Lawyer* as one of the top 200 law firms in the United States,

is a multidisciplinary, full-service law firm with more than 280 attorneys and advisers in 12 offices in 11 markets. The attorneys and staff at her former firm, Ruden McClosky, all joined Adams and Reese LLP. "This exciting opportunity enables us to add more value and more resources to the services we provide our clients, and I am pleased to share the good news," she said.



Genovese Joblove & Battista, P.A., is pleased to announce that **Kim Russell** has joined the firm as Chief Operating Officer. Prior to joining the firm, Russell was President of KR Law Firm Solutions, LLC, a full-service law

firm consulting organization. His responsibilities during his legal career have included attorney recruiting, mergers and acquisitions, practice group coordination, firm retreats, continuing legal education programs and various management initiatives.

"We are pleased to have Mr. Russell at the firm," said Partner John Genovese. His experience – including strategic planning, forecasting and financial skills – will contribute to the firm's efficiency and the enhancement of the level of services provided to our clients."

HELP TO SELECT ALA'S FUTURE LEADERS

ALA is seeking volunteers to serve on committees that will help to select ALA's top leadership corps for 2011-2012. The committees are the Association Nominating Committee (ANC) and the Regional Nominating Committee (RNC). (More information on each of these committees can be found in the article, "The Year to Volunteer," which begins on page 20 in this issue.)

If you are interested in serving on either the Association-wide ANC or the RNC for your Region, please communicate that interest by letter or e-mail to Jan Waugh, Director of Member Services, at jwaugh@alanet.org. Indicate whether you are interested in serving on the ANC and/or RNC and enclose or attach a copy of your professional résumé and answers to the following questions:

1. What ALA Chapter level experience do you have that would make you suitable to serve on this committee?
2. Do you have other ALA or professional experience that provides a background or preparation for service on this leadership selection committee? Please list or describe.
3. How would your experience transfer to work on this committee?
4. Why would you like to serve in this capacity?

If you're interested, act fast. The deadline to apply is April 9, 2010.

FIRMS MAKE 'BEST' LIST

The Kentucky Chamber of Commerce announced the winners of its Best Places to Work competition. Five law firms with employed ALA members made the list! Congratulations to the following firms:

- Stites & Harbison
- Stoll Keenon Ogden
- Sturgill Turner Barker & Moloney
- Ward Hocker & Thornton
- Wyatt Tarrant & Combs

FALA SALUTES ITS CONTRIBUTORS!

The Trustees of the Foundation of the Association of Legal Administrators (FALA) are pleased to recognize the following individuals, businesses, groups and ALA Chapters who made contributions to FALA between April and December 2009. Gifts like these have contributed immeasurably to FALA's growth and its ability to undertake and fund meaningful projects and programs.

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SPEAKERS RETURN FOR ALA CONFERENCE

The 2010 Annual Conference is bringing back the two highest-rated speakers from 2009: Michael Cohen and Tommy Stephens. Learn more about these speakers and the rest of the Conference programming at www.alanet.org/conf.

REMEMBERING ALA MEMBERS

Phyllis Hawley

Former Region 6 officer Phyllis Hawley died on December 4, 2009, in Tucson, Arizona. She was a graduate of Washington State University with a degree in Business Education. She was the administrator of her husband's law firm for more than 25 years and a longtime member of ALA. She was a member of the Tucson-Old Pueblo Chapter.

Brenda Lewis

Brenda Lewis from San Diego, California, recently died. She had been an ALA member since 2001 and was a member of the San Diego Chapter.

Elizabeth "Liz" (Magill) Ounanian

Elizabeth "Liz" (Magill) Ounanian of Needham, Massachusetts, died January 1, 2010, at age 63. She was the Firm Administrator of Conn, Kavanaugh, Rosenthal, Peisch & Ford LLP, and perviously served as the President of the ALA Boston Chapter. Born in Rosyth, Scotland, she had lived in Needham since 1977. She was an avid hiker, gardener, animal lover, bicyclist, cross-country skier, spy-novel reader and enjoyed times at her summer home in Wellfleet, Massachusetts.

Diane Pratt-Wyatt

ALA member Diane Pratt-Wyatt died recently. She was the Clerk of Court & Court Administrator at the Second Circuit Court of Appeal in Shreveport, Louisiana. She had been a member since 1983.

EARN PHR/SPHR RECERTIFICATION CREDIT

At this year's ALA Annual Conference in Boston, 41 educational sessions (including 10 in strategic management) qualify for recertification credits through the Human Resource Certification Institute (HRCI). Preview all the sessions at www.alanet.org/conf.



MILE HIGH CHAPTER HOLDS RUMMAGE SALE

For its Community Challenge Weekend (CCW) project in 2009, the Mile High Chapter held a rummage sale, with all proceeds benefiting Decatur House of Denver, which provides transitional housing to help individuals become self sufficient. In addition to its monetary contribution, the Chapter also donated all leftover rummage sale items to Decatur House. ALA regrets the inadvertent omission of this information from ALA's recently published *CCW Recap Brochure*.

NEWS ON ALA PAST PRESIDENT'S FIRM

Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi, the Minneapolis, Minnesota-based firm, has gained three lawyers from Lovells and will create an office in New York City for the first time. The firm may sound familiar – it's where former ALA President Dick Nigon, CLM, serves as Chief Financial Officer.

AWARDS



ALA MEMBER WINS AWARD

ALA congratulates member **Larry B. Mack**, who received the South Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants' Outstanding CPA in Business and Industry award. Mack is a 17-year member of ALA, is involved with the Association's South Carolina Chapter and is the Chief Operating Officer at Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, PA.

RBC WINS DIVERSITY AWARD

The **Royal Bank of Canada (RBC)** received the 2010 Catalyst Award, an annual honor that spotlights exceptional initiatives from companies and firms that support and advance women in business. RBC's initiative, Client First Transformation, embeds diversity and inclusion principles into its approach with employees, clients and communities, reframing the company's business strategy to be more client-focused and revitalizing its corporate culture. ALA member David Aylward is the Senior Business Manager at RBC and serves on ALA's Committee on Diversity.