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### REGION 2 NEWSLETTER

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### 2017 Annual Conference & Expo



**April 2-5, 2017 Denver, Colorado**

### Chapter News

The **Atlanta Chapter** participated in The Atlanta Legal Aid Society's 26th Run for Justice on November 2. Participants enjoyed a crisp autumn day on a beautiful 5K course. All proceeds benefited the general operating fund of the Atlanta Legal Aid Society. Awards were given in various categories including pets and children in strollers.

The **Central Florida Chapter** celebrated Professional Legal Management Week on October 19! The Central Florida Chapter started recognizing one of their peers that has played a significant role in the chapter and its success, and who has gone above and beyond in their firm as a Legal Administrator, by recognizing them with a "Professionalism Award". This year, the Central Florida Chapter recognized Lenita McFeron from the firm of Gray Robinson. Lenita is a past president of the chapter, along with holding many other board positions over the past 15 years that she has been a member. Three years ago, the Chapter added an award that the members felt was imperative to the Chapter to show the amazing contributions of a new member, which is called the "Rising Star Award". This year the Rising Star recipient was Sheila Sullivan from the Men's Divorce Law Firm. Sheila joined the Chapter two and half years ago, and has served on the board for the past two years as a Communication Director and heading the Business Partner Committee in putting on the Business Partner Expo.

The **Charlotte Chapter** held a celebration in honor of its 30th anniversary on October 19, current members welcoming alumni (including at least one founding member) and Business Partners to this special event.

The **Jacksonville Chapter** held their Annual Partner appreciation event on November 7th but switched it up to a golf, Business Partner and fundraiser event. The weather was beautiful and the Jacksonville Golf and Country Club was a superb host! the Chapter raised \$3,000 for Hubbard House, and our Business Partners and Managing Partners enjoyed the event. Success! The Jacksonville chapter also celebrated the 40th anniversary of the chapter.

The **South Florida Chapter** ALA Chapter's Diversity and Inclusion Committee adopted Miami's Carol City Senior High School three years ago by holding business workshops in the school's Business and Informational Technology Academy. The Chapter's Community Service Committee continued the Chapter's dedication to this school by selecting it for its 2016 back-to-school supplies drive. Members, their firms, and the Chapter's Business Partners collected dozens of backpacks, scores of pens, pencils, notebooks, thumb drives, rulers, erasers, and folders. The supplies were distributed to families of students at the school's open house in September. Chapter members and business partners were invited to attend an open house to assist in the distribution of the supplies. Participating members were overwhelmed by the parents' and students' gratitude.

The **Southwest Florida Chapter** published an article in the Official Lee County Bar Association Publication titled "Legal Administrators Keep Your Practice Running." The

article credits the Association of Legal Administrators resources and networking with the success of your Administrator.

The **Raleigh Durham Chapter** will be hosting their Chapter Holiday breakfast and supporting a local charity, Haven House Services, on December 7, by donating items that were requested by Haven House youth clients.

The Raleigh Durham Chapter also celebrated their annual Fall Social and Business Partner Appreciation event on October 11 at Kings Bowling. In the midst of some never-before-seen "bowling" displays, and some good-natures escapades on the lanes, the event became so shockingly enjoyable that the power went out. Not to be deterred, the Chapter leaders rolled right on with improvised bar tending and awards presentations. Business Partners and Chapter Members alike declared the event a hit!

The **Tallahassee Chapter** held a successful CLE event on October 13. The subject was Gender Identity and the Law. It was an update on Transgender and Gender Identity Issues in the public and Private Sectors. The event was held at the FSU College of Law and included a light breakfast. The Florida Bar awarded 2.0 CLE hours. [Watch Chapter President, Leslie Thomas on the news!](#)

## Member News

### Congratulations to Region 2's new FM Specialists!

Vicki Aldridge – Triad Chapter

Mary Wimmer – Jacksonville Chapter



### 2017 Chapter Milestone Anniversaries

45th: Maryland, Richmond, South Florida

40th: Atlanta, Central Florida

30th: Chattanooga, Knoxville, Southwest



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<u>CHAPTER NAME</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>CHARTER DATE</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>WEBSITE</u>	<u>TWITTER</u>
Atlanta	GA	06/13/1977	39.2	<a href="http://www.myaala.org">www.myaala.org</a>	@ATLANTAALA
Birmingham	AL	10/17/1983	32.9		
Capital	DC	10/23/1973	42.9	<a href="http://www.alacapchap.org">www.alacapchap.org</a>	@ALACAPCHAP
Central Florida	FL	09/16/1977	39.0	<a href="http://www.cfcala.org">www.cfcala.org</a>	@CentralFLALA
Charlotte	NC	10/19/1986	29.9	<a href="http://www.alacharlotte.org">www.alacharlotte.org</a>	@alacharlotte
Chattanooga	TN	02/01/1987	29.6		
Florida Capital	FL	10/05/1984	31.9		
Hampton Roads	VA	09/25/1979	36.9		
Jacksonville	FL	03/08/1976	40.5	<a href="http://www.alajax.org">www.alajax.org</a>	
Kentucky	KY	04/19/1978	38.4	<a href="http://www.ky-ala.org">www.ky-ala.org</a>	
Knoxville	TN	05/17/1987	29.3	<a href="http://www.knoxala.org">www.knoxala.org</a>	
Maryland	MD	12/13/1972	43.7	<a href="http://www.mdala.org">www.mdala.org</a>	
Memphis	TN	02/18/1993	23.5		
Middle Tennessee	TN	02/04/1980	36.6	<a href="http://www.mtala.org">www.mtala.org</a>	
Mississippi	MS	10/05/1984	31.9	<a href="http://www.alamississippi.org">www.alamississippi.org</a>	
Mobile	AL	10/18/1986	29.9		
Northern Virginia	VA	06/23/1980	36.2	<a href="http://www.alanova.org">www.alanova.org</a>	
Palm Beach County	FL	02/02/1986	30.6	<a href="http://www.pbcala.org">www.pbcala.org</a>	@PBCALA
Panhandle	FL	06/28/1991	25.2		
Puerto Rico	PR	05/13/1998	18.3		
Raleigh-Durham	NC	02/08/1983	33.5	<a href="http://www.alardu.org">www.alardu.org</a>	
Richmond	VA	03/01/1972	44.5	<a href="http://www.richmondala.org">www.richmondala.org</a>	@ALARichmond
Sarasota-Manatee	FL	02/08/1985	31.6	<a href="http://www.smcala.org">www.smcala.org</a>	
South Carolina	SC	06/26/1980	36.2	<a href="http://www.scalanet.org">www.scalanet.org</a>	
South Florida	FL	06/01/1972	44.3	<a href="http://www.alasofla.org">www.alasofla.org</a>	@alasofla
Southwest Florida	FL	01/31/1987	29.6		
Suncoast	FL	06/29/1981	35.2	<a href="http://www.alasuncoast.org">www.alasuncoast.org</a>	@Suncoastchapter
Triad	NC	03/27/1988	28.4		
Western Virginia	VA	11/19/1992	23.8		



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