



Association of Legal Administrators Announces 2026–2027 President-Elect & Board of Directors

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VanTroost is the Chief Strategy and Operations Officer of McGlinchey Stafford PLLC and has served on ALA's Board of Directors since 2023. She has served as a volunteer on the ALA Nominating Committee and as a Member Ambassador, as well as a frequent moderator and presenter for ALA events and Shared Interest Groups (SIGs) at various chapter events. She's a member of ALA's Jacksonville Chapter and has served in a variety of roles, including a two-time Chapter President, on the Chapter Communication Committee and the Chapter Membership and Inclusion Committee.

Joining ALA's Board will be incoming Directors:

- Melissa Hirst, MSLA, of Altitude Community Law in Lakewood, Colorado (2026-2029)
- Shirley Laboy of Bondurant Mixson & Elmore LLP in Atlanta, Georgia (2026-2029)
- Laila M. Sanousi of Peebles Bergin Schulte & Robinson LLP in Sacramento, California (2026-2029)

These members were selected by the Nominating Committee, who met in Chicago to identify individuals who will fill upcoming vacancies on ALA's Board of Directors. These members will officially assume their roles in April at ALA's 2026 Annual Conference & Expo in National Harbor, Maryland.

About ALA

The Association of Legal Administrators (ALA) is a professional, individual membership organization that supports and connects professionals in the management of law firms, corporate legal departments and governmental legal agencies. Founded in 1971, ALA creates excellence, drives innovation and empowers leaders in law. We provide our members with education, resources and a community hub where they can address challenges, solve problems and innovate for their personal and professional growth which contributes to the success of the legal organizations they work for and the legal industry in general. ALA has 9,000 members worldwide and over 80 local chapters in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

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