



For Immediate Release

Fall 2009 CLA/CP Short Course Set

The Fall CLA/CP Short Course, an intensive three-day workshop for nationwide certification as a paralegal/legal assistant, is scheduled for November 11-13 at the Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, Nevada. This is the only CLA/CP Short Course scheduled by the National Association of Legal Assistants before the December 2009 or Spring 2010 CLA/CP examination.

This short course meets credit requirements of the NALA Certifying Board for maintaining the CLA/CP credential as well as helping those who are preparing for the examination. The program is also helpful to experienced paralegals seeking a refresher.

Short Course Coordinator is Kay Kasic, CLA, with Coombs & Dunlap, Napa, CA. A distinguished faculty of attorneys, certified legal assistants, and legal educators will teach the courses ranging from a survey of the American legal system and essential paralegal skills to specific legal topics. Extensive handout materials, available only to participants, will supplement the instruction.

Nearly 3,000 legal assistants have participated in this program since its inception in 1985. It is widely regarded as the most comprehensive continuing education program offered to paralegals. The short course is one of an array of continuing legal education efforts by NALA, and earning the CLA/CP credential is not ensured, nor contingent, upon completion of the course.

The schedule of courses is as follows:

Wednesday, November 11

American Legal System—Karen Sanders-West, ACP, JD; Wichita, KS.

Judgment & Analytical Ability—Virginia Koerselman, JD, Attorney; Hemingway, SC.

Ethics: Part I—Kay Kasic, CLA; Coombs & Dunlap, Napa, CA.

Thursday, November 12

Contracts—John W. Dunn, LLB, and Karen M. Dunn, ACP; Dunn, Keyes, Gelman & Pummell, LLC, Avon, CO.

Legal Research—Virginia Koerselman, JD, Attorney; Hemingway, SC.

Civil Litigation—Karen Sanders-West, ACP, JD; Wichita, KS.

Communications—Virginia Koerselman, JD, Attorney; Hemingway, SC.

Friday, November 13

Ethics: Part II—Kay Kasic, CLA; Coombs & Dunlap, Napa, CA.

Real Property—John W. Dunn, LLB, and Karen M. Dunn, ACP; Dunn, Keyes, Gelman & Pummell, LLC, Avon, CO.

Business Organizations—Connie Kretchmer, ACP; Omaha, NE, and Virginia Koerselman, JD, Attorney, Hemingway, SC...

Administrative Law—Karen Sanders-West, ACP, JD; Wichita, KS.

Estates and Trusts—Virginia Koerselman, JD, Attorney, Hemingway, SC and Connie Kretchmer, ACP, Omaha, NE.

Members of NALA may register for \$390. The cost to non-members is \$450, and members of the California alliance of Paralegal Associations may enroll for \$425. Fees cover the short course, handouts, coffee service, Thursday luncheon, and a complimentary copy of the *CLA Study Guide and Mock Examination*, (West Legal Studies, 2009).

Registration information is available on the web site <http://www.nala.org>. Information on the web site includes instructions on reserving a guest room at Caesar's Palace. Special guest room rates for this meeting are \$95 for single or double rooms for Sunday, November 8-Thursday, November 12. For those staying after November 12, the rate increases to \$140, still substantially lower than walk-in rates. Guest room rates are available ONLY if the guest room reservation is confirmed by October 20, 2009.

Contact: Vanessa Williamson
Convention Services
National Association of Legal Assistants
1516 S. Boston Avenue, Suite 200
Tulsa, OK 74119
(918) 587-6828
(918) 582-6772 (fax)
vwilliamson@nala.org