



Western Kentucky Paralegals was formed to provide support and guidance for paralegals in the Western Kentucky area.

WKP's goals are to provide continuing legal education and ethical guidelines to its members and increase community awareness of the paralegal profession.

As an affiliate of the National Association of Legal Assistants, WKP has adopted the Code of Ethics and Professional Responsibility of NALA and its members agree to be bound by the Code.

WKP endorses the Certified Legal Assistant program administered by NALA. WKP recognizes certification as a personal achievement and recognition of dedication to the profession. Certification requires successful completion of a comprehensive two-day examination and continuing legal education is required to maintain CLA status.

MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

ACTIVE: Active Membership is open to any individual who meets at least one of the following requirements and is currently employed as a paralegal. This is the only membership class carrying full voting privileges. Active members are also the only WKP members who may serve as association officers, members of the Board of Directors or committee chairs.

All active members must meet the requirements of the Western Kentucky Paralegals continuing legal education policy.

Active membership under paralegal training (#4, 5, 6, 7) requires a majority of duties to be of a paralegal nature (otherwise performed by an attorney and non-clerical) and requires that an attorney attest that the applicant performs such duties.

1. Any individual who has successfully completed the Certified Legal Assistant exam of NALA; or

2. Any individual who has graduated from an ABA approved program of study for paralegals; or

3. Any individual who has graduated from a course of study for paralegals which is institutionally accredited but not ABA approved, and which requires not less than the equivalent of 60 semester hours of classroom study; or

4. Any individual who has graduated from a course of study for paralegals other than those set forth in 2 and 3 above, plus not less than six months of in-house training as a paralegal, whose attorney employer attests that such person is qualified as a paralegal; or

5. Any individual who has received a baccalaureate degree in any field, plus not less than six months in-house training as a paralegal; or

6. Any individual who has a minimum of three years of law-related experience under the supervision of an attorney, including at least six months in-house training as a paralegal, whose attorney employer attests that such person is qualified as a paralegal; or

7. Any individual who has a minimum of two years of in-house training as a paralegal, whose attorney-employer attests that such person is qualified as a paralegal.

ASSOCIATE: Any person, at the time of application for membership,

a) who has been employed as a paralegal, but who is not so employed at that time; or

b) who has graduated from a paralegal program, but not yet employed as a legal assistant; or

c) who is employed as a paralegal but does not meet the criteria to become an active member and whose attorney-employer attests that such person is qualified as a paralegal,

may become an associate member upon payment of dues prescribed. Any associate member may, upon satisfaction of the requirements for active membership, become an active member.

STUDENT: Any student enrolled in an ABA approved paralegal training program and upon acceptance of an application for membership may become a Student Member of the Association. Student Members shall not be permitted voting privileges nor be eligible to serve as an officer or director of the Association.

SUSTAINING: Sustaining membership is available to individuals, law firms, corporations and paralegal program representatives who endorse the paralegal concept or are actively involved in the promotion of the paralegal profession who contribute dues of at least \$50.00