

# Legal Assistants of Wyoming

NEWSLETTER  
NOVEMBER 2009

## Current Board Members

President: Anita Schroder  
President Elect: Susan Lewis  
1st Vice President: Shannon Rezanina  
2nd Vice President: Cherry Kildow  
Secretary: Sarah Hall (please note change)  
Treasurer: Rhonda Beck  
NALA Liaison: Tamara Fox  
Regional Directors  
Region 1: vacant  
Region 2: Christina Gaddy  
Region 3: Sarah Hall  
Region 4: Rhonda Chamblin Hoadley  
Region 5: Andrea Syvrud

### Quote of the Month

A handful of patience is  
worth more than a  
bushel of brains.

~ Dutch Proverb

### BOARD MEMBER CHANGE

Unfortunately our prior Secretary, Sarah Pugh has had to resign her position at this time. At the Board Meeting on November 4, 2009, Sarah Hall was voted in by the Board as the new Secretary. We will miss Sarah Pugh, and look forward to working with our new Secretary, Sarah Hall.

~ Your LAW Board



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE  
ANITA SCHROEDER

Holiday Greetings to everyone. I'm sure everyone is already well into the "Holiday Hectics." I hope everyone will plan some time into their schedules this season for family and friends and to reflect on the things that truly are the most important.

2010 will bring us 20 years of LAW. Please watch the web-site and your e-mails for special announcements for things we will be doing to celebrate our first 20 years. We already have plans for a great seminar on April 24, 2010 in Sheridan and some exciting things happening to celebrate. So plan now to attend, this will be a one day seminar and I hope that the format change will make it more conducive for people to attend.

On the topic of seminar attendance the board is very concerned with the low attendance at seminars of late. We have seen very low and declining attendance at seminars for the past few years and are quite concerned with this trend. When there are less than 30 people at a seminar it does not pay for itself and we are forced to go into our reserves to pay the seminar expenses. We are also suffering a decline in membership and if these trends continue the board is going to be faced with some very serious budgetary decisions.

I would love to have input from anyone on ideas to promote increased membership and attendance at seminars. I have repeatedly sent out e-mails via our new website for input, criticisms, ideas, etc and get very little in the way of feedback. So again if anyone has any ideas I would love to hear them. I don't want to come across as negative I know it's a real pain for those of you who are active and supportive to hear me whine about low attendance and membership. However, the reality is that if things don't turn around we are going to have to make some changes in the way we run the organization and that will affect everyone.

Ok, so enough of that - Thank you so much all for your support, we have a great seminar planned for April 24, 2010 in Sheridan please mark your calendars now and plan on attending. Have a happy and blessed Holiday Season and we will see you in the New Year.



## PRESIDENT-ELECT MESSAGE

SUSAN LEWIS

As President-Elect I will be taking a look at our By-Laws and see if anything needs to be tweaked. Specifically, I will be addressing voting procedures and election of regional directors.

I would appreciate any input, advice or comments concerning the By-Laws.



## 2ND VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

CHERRY KILDROW

We've had quite a few new and renewed members complete their applications since the last newsletter. Thanks to you all! Our numbers are still below the last few years, however, and Board members have been discussing ideas for boosting membership. If you know someone in your region who used to be a LAW member, try getting in touch by e-mail or phone to say hello. Maybe a personal contact will let them know how much they are missed.

2010 will mark LAW's 20<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary and we'd like to celebrate with special activities and promotions. I'd love to hear your ideas for celebrating this special anniversary. Please e-mail me or any Board member so we can start making plans.

## NEWS FROM NALA

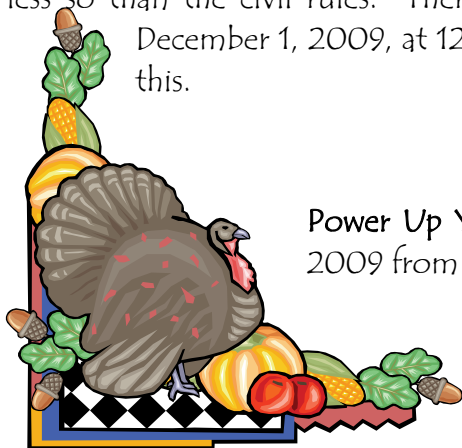
### Amendments to Federal Rules Change Methods of Calculating Deadlines!

On December 1, 2009, numerous changes to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure go into effect. In addition to stylistic revisions, the methods of computing time deadlines are substantially affected. If you are a paralegal who works in litigation these changes will affect your practice. There are also some changes to appellate, criminal and bankruptcy rules but less so than the civil rules. There is a special NALA Campus LIVE! Session on Tuesday, December 1, 2009, at 12 p.m. Central Time. Please see the website to sign up for this.

### NALA CAMPUS LIVE RESCHEDULING

**Power Up Your PowerPoint** has been rescheduled for December 14, 2009 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. presented by Kathy Miller, ACP, CAS.

**Advanced Discovery Techniques** has been rescheduled for December 18, 2009 from Noon – 2 p.m. presented by Rhonda Reid.



## A WORD FROM OUR REGIONAL DIRECTORS

### REGION 2—Christina Gaddy

Region 2 is proud to host the upcoming Spring Seminar for the 20th Anniversary of LAW at the Sheridan Holiday Inn. In order to plan for the event, all area LAW members are invited to a luncheon at the Pony Bar and Grill in Sheridan on Wednesday, December 16 at noon. We will take time to discuss seminar activities, including a Friday evening cocktail icebreaker for all LAW members, hosted by Region 2.

As we have several new members, this would be a great opportunity to get to know local colleagues, and share ideas for making this seminar special. If you have questions, please contact Regional Director Christina Gaddy at (307)672-7444, or send an email to [christina@lonabaugh.com](mailto:christina@lonabaugh.com).

### REGION 4 - Rhonda Hoadley

I hope everyone is getting geared up for the Holidays. I would like to invite all of you to Frontier Law Center at 1107 West 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Cheyenne, for a region lunch meeting on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 from 11:30-1:00. Please bring a food item to share such as salads, sandwiches, etc. and a non-perishable food item to be donated to a local charity. I'll provide place settings and drinks. I hope you all can attend; we'll be discussing plans for our region, ideas for CLE luncheons, and just getting to know each other a little better. I hope to see you all on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to call with any questions or concerns. I can be reached at, 307-635-1533 or [richamblin@yahoo.com](mailto:richamblin@yahoo.com)

### REGION 3—SARAH HALL

Hello everyone. As you probably saw on the first page, I am now the Secretary for LAW. I have decided to continue as the Region 3 Director for the rest of the fiscal year. If anyone is interested in taking over the position, please be looking for your nomination ballots for the Annual Meeting in April. We are always looking for new volunteers that bring new ideas to our organization.

With the Holiday Season looming down on us, it is again time for the Region 3 Christmas Activity. We have retired the Secret Santa giving and will be donating to charity this year.

At the November lunch we discussed several giving options and decided to adopt a Salvation Army Family. This way we will be able to provide presents for a family in our community, that otherwise would not be able to have one. I will be sending out an e-mail in early December with a sign up sheet for the gifts, so please be watching your e-mails. I am personally very excited to be able to do this for the less fortunate in our community.

After discussing the adoption of a Salvation Army Family, the following was brought to my attention. It is a way to support our Wyoming Troops as they are fighting overseas. As a decision was already made regarding our giving, I have attached the information about "Soldiers Standing Tall for the Holidays."



WYOMING ARMY NATIONAL GUARD  
UNIT MAILING ADDRESSES BY AREA

# HELP WYOMING ARMY GUARD SOLDIERS STAND TALL FOR THE HOLIDAYS

To The Wonderful Communities of Wyoming -

There are nearly 800 Wyoming Army National Guard Soldiers currently deployed from our state. Those brave men and women who have answered our nation's call will be away from their Families and Wyoming during the most celebrated and joyous time of year.

During the holidays, Wyoming residents often call us asking how they can show their support to our deployed Soldiers. The Wyoming Army National Guard's Yellow Ribbon Program can help with that question.

This holiday season the Yellow Ribbon Program is hosting "Soldiers Standing Tall for the Holidays," a program designed to ensure as many of our deployed personnel as possible know Wyoming residents are thinking of them during the season.

The campaign will put Wyoming residents in touch with Soldiers from specific communities to help spread holiday joy in the deployed location through their thoughts, prayers, cards and gifts. We know our Soldiers enjoy receiving cards and letters from home, as well as items like beef jerky, baby wipes, razors, shaving cream, soap, books, magazines, hard candy, games, lotion, toilet paper, and baked goods.

To learn more about the "Soldiers Standing Tall for the Holidays" initiative, contact the Yellow Ribbon staff at (307) 772-5457, or at [jeremy.a.sparks@ng.army.mil](mailto:jeremy.a.sparks@ng.army.mil) before Nov. 15 for details.

## The Yellow Ribbon Program

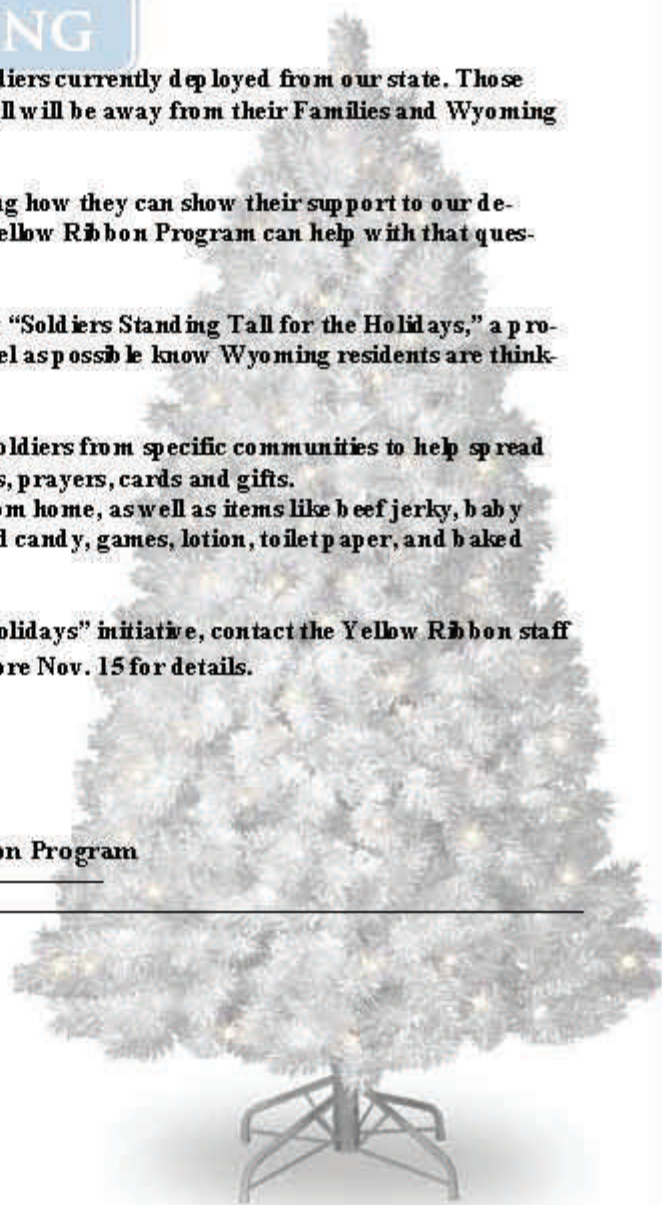
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## CASPER COLLEGE NEWS

Mark your calendars, Wednesday November 9, 2009, at 6:00 p.m., is the Annual Casper College/LAW Christmas Party. The party will be at the Paradise Valley Country Club, there is a \$10.00 fee for all those attending. A cash bar will also be available. The party is open to all current and former Casper College Students and all Legal Assistants of Wyoming members. Please RVSP to Mary by December 7, 2009, at 238-2618.

## CASPER COLLEGE AWARDS

Most recently the Casper College Legal Services Program was nominated and became one of the 10 finalist of the Bellwether Awards. The Bellwether Awards are an integral part of the Community College Futures Assembly, established in 1995. The Assembly is sponsored by the Institute of Higher Education at the University of Florida and focuses on cutting-edge, trendsetting programs that other colleges might find worthy of replicating. The Bellwether Awards are given annually in three categories to colleges with outstanding and innovative programs or practices. Mary Kubichek will be traveling to Florida in to attend the awards ceremony.



On September 17, 2009, the Wyoming State Bar awarded Mary Kubichek, the Director of the Casper College Paralegal Program, and Craig Silva, a partner at Williams, Porter, Day & Neville, the Wyoming State Bar Pro Bono Volunteer Award for the Casper College Legal Services program. CCLS pairs Casper College paralegal students and graduates with pro bono attorneys to assist clients with civil legal matters. There is not a financial needs requirement. This is the only program in the country that is paralegal based and provides work product to clients. CCLS was funded for two years by Casper College Innovative Grants and is now funded by a line item of \$5,000.00 which pays for the legal malpractice insurance and a paralegal work study position.

## CASPER COLLEGE LEGAL SERVICES

Casper College Legal Services will be accepting new clients in January 2010. They are hoping to accept 10 new clients. In order for this to happen they will need an attorney and his/her paralegal to supervise a student paralegal with each client. If anyone is interested in participating or taking a client, it would be a simple civil matter. If you know an attorney who may be willing to supervise a case, think you would like to volunteer, or have any questions, please contact Mary Kubichek, Casper College Paralegal Program Director, at 268-2618. Any support for the community or legal professional is greatly appreciated.

## LAW'S 20TH YEAR

As Cherry has mentioned, 2010 will mark the 20th year of our organization. To mark this milestone, we are looking at doing some sort of presentation at our Spring seminar to highlight these 20 wonderful years. If you have any pictures, stories, etc. that you would be willing to share about LAW, please send them to me, so that they may be included. We all look forward to looking back over the years to see how we have grown. Please e-mail me at [shall@bslo.com](mailto:shall@bslo.com). Thank you!

## MEMORABILIA

Don't forget about all of the wonderful new memorabilia we have. Long-sleeve t-shirts, short-sleeve polo type shirts, fleece blankets and totes. All have our new three color design on it. We will be happy to send you anything, for a small shipping fee. Please contact Amanda Nelson at [acherie85@aol.com](mailto:acherie85@aol.com) if you are interested. We also have pictures available of the items if you were unable to see them at the conference.

Secretary—Sarah Hall, CP

Please contact me if you have news for next month's newsletter.  
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