



JACKSON LEGAL PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION



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Message from the President...

I am proud to be a member of JLPA and I would like to tell you a little bit of the why behind that statement. I walked (or stumbled) into the legal field in approximately 1987 when a friend I was temping with at a battery warehouse suggested that I apply for a job at a small law firm in Jackson as a receptionist. For the next 10 years, I got lots of "on-the-job" training moving from receptionist to legal secretary, to collections manager and then moving on to a new firm with two of the lawyers as their legal assistant/office manager. I have been involved with several legal organizations in my career in the legal field, but none have come close to JLPA.

In 1997, I began working for a large defense firm and was encouraged to join JLPA. I did so and got involved in committee work almost immediately. I have never regretted anything I have done through JLPA, the state association or the national association. I am proud of the work we do through education,

certification, scholarship and our welfare projects.

JLPA is one of the hardest working and generous associations I have ever had the pleasure of being associated with. Membership in this association has pushed me to limits I had no idea I could reach. I have studied and obtained my PLS and PP certifications through NALS and I am extremely proud of those accomplishments. I have been supported through the births of my grandchildren and the death of my son-in-law, my daughter's widowhood, and my own struggles to obtain certification. Members of this association never cease to amaze me with their caring and willingness to help out fellow members.

I would like to take this opportunity to ask that each of you take a moment and think about what you can give to the members of this association. Volunteer to work on a committee for the next year, it can be a lot of fun. Become a mentor to a new member, they value your experience and opinions. In short, get involved. There's nothing like it.

Your Executive Board is grateful for the support you have shown this year and we are looking forward to a great future for JLPA. You, the members, are the future of JLPA.

**Reba Peden, PP, PLS
JLPA President**



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Remember
Keep It Simple
Make It Fun!**

The ALS/PLS/PP Study Group will meet every Thursday night at the Bar Center, 643 North State Street, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

February Birthdays...

- 5 Peggy Belding
- 11 Betty Carwyle
- 12 Cindy Hampton
- 13 Renita Ragsdale
- Romas M. Turner
- 17 Janet Rieder
- Kellye Shoemaker
- 26 Patricia T. Burkett

