

THE PROFILE

Message from the President

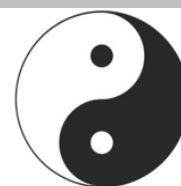
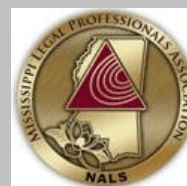


Where does the time go? I cannot believe that it is already time to prepare for our Mid-Year Membership Meeting. Like all of you, I had hoped we would be meeting in person again by then — but, alas, we are not.

Remember, our meeting on November 6 is a **membership** meeting and we will be voting for the officers to serve with President Jennifer Parks for the 2022-2023 term. It is important that each person's vote be counted - so, each person must be logged in on their own device, as there is only one vote per log-in and each person will need to be able to participate in the online voting. Are you willing to serve as an officer next year? It's not too late to put your name in the hat - we always accept nominations from the floor for each office during the elections. So, step out of your comfort zone - step up and serve as an officer.

Our seminars held in conjunction with our meetings are FREE to our members - so, why aren't there more people attending? When a seminar is held via Zoom — please consider registering and attending these (even with your camera off). These attorneys are giving up their time to present this education to us and I know it really makes a big difference when our speakers get to see 25 people in the audience versus just 5 people.

October 2021



2021-2022

OFFICERS

Stephanie Floyd, PP, PLS, President
Jennifer Parks, President-Elect
Lee Cummings, ALP, Vice President
Jeannie Shaw, PP, PLS, Executive Secretary
Reba Peden, PP, PLS, Treasurer
Karen Kuhn, PP, PLS, Parliamentarian
Theresa Wilson, PP, PLS, Executive Advisor

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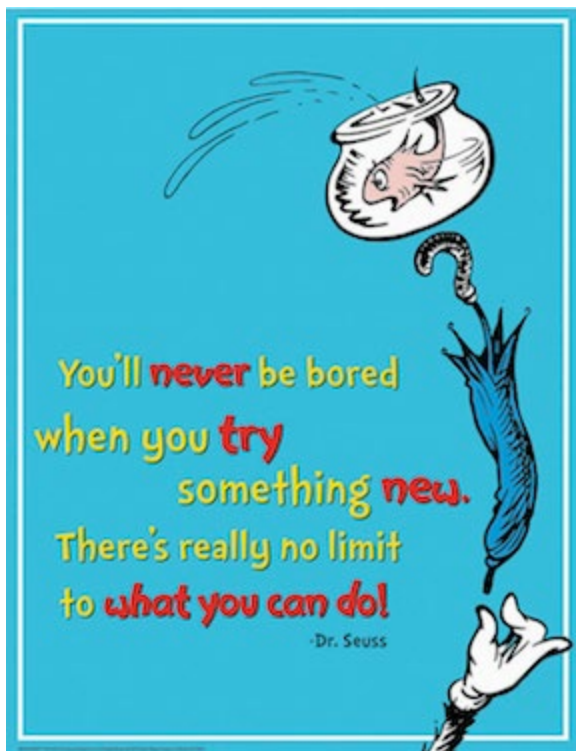
Message from the President.... Cont.

We learn something new every year, don't we? This year we learned that we could adapt and found a way to offer our Last Chance CLE Events as hybrid events (both in-person and via Zoom, for those who preferred not to or chose to not attend in person). If I had to guess, I would bet that for some years to come we will probably offer our events as hybrid events for both in-person and via Zoom. While this year's events may not have had the highest attendance numbers to make it our best year so far; we were certainly pleased with our attendance numbers and this year's events did prove to again be profitable for our association.

We all know and believe in the power of prayer. This year has been filled with many needs for prayer requests for our association members, both past and present, and for many of our friends. I would ask that everyone please continue to pray for our association, our members and their families, our friends, and our country. If there is someone you haven't heard from in a while - reach out to them, even if just to say hello and let them know you were thinking of them - it might just be what someone needs to hear at that very moment. If there is someone you have missed seeing at meetings, please be sure to reach out to them to invite them to join us at our next in-person meeting - I bet other people will be excited to see them too!

I hope everyone will continue to stay safe. I look forward to seeing everyone "virtually" at the November 6 membership meeting.

*Stephanie Floyd
President 2021-2022*



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Ethics is knowing the difference
between what you have a right to
do and what is right to do.

Potter Stewart

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MEMBERS AT LARGE

NONE as of September 1, 2021

NOTICE OF MID-YEAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TO: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, LOCAL CHAPTER DIRECTORS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS,
AND MEMBERS-AT-LARGE (IF ANY)

The Mid-Year Membership Meeting of the Mississippi Legal Professionals Association, for the fiscal year 2021- 2022, will be held **via Zoom only on Saturday, November 6, 2021**. The Meeting will commence at 1:30 p.m. Central Daylight Time.

This is a MEMBERSHIP MEETING and, in accordance with the Mississippi LPA Bylaws, Article V, Section 4, all members in good standing (current in the payment of dues to the local, state and national associations) who are present will be eligible to vote at this meeting. **WE WILL CONDUCT THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR FY 2022-2023.**

An Executive Committee Meeting will be held in advance of the scheduled Board Meeting. The EC meeting will be conducted via Zoom, and is scheduled to begin at 4:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time on Sunday, October 31, 2021.

REPORTS

OFFICERS, CHAPTER DIRECTORS, AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS: You are requested to prepare brief, single-spaced, typewritten reports, formatted for 8½" by 11" paper. Reports should be submitted electronically to the President with a copy to the Executive Secretary and to the Technology Committee Chair. **The deadline for receipt of written reports to be presented at this meeting is Sunday, October 17, 2021.**

CHAPTERS & DIRECTORS

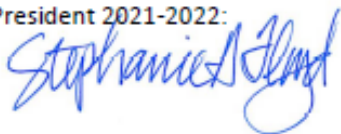
CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION OF ALTERNATE DIRECTOR FORM - In the event that a Board of Director's Meeting is called in conjunction with the scheduled Mid-Year Membership Meeting, and the duly elected Director is unable to attend this meeting, your chapter shall elect an Alternate Director from its membership. The Alternate Director shall act only in the absence of the elected and certified Director. In the event the duly elected Director is unable to attend this Board Meeting and an Alternate Director is elected to attend this meeting, **certification of the election of an Alternate Director shall be furnished to the Executive Secretary and President at least twenty (20) days prior (by October 17) to the date of this Board Meeting.** Such certification of election of an Alternate Director shall be upon the form prescribed by the Executive Committee, and approved by the Board of Directors. A certification form is attached (ES-2).

s/ Jeannie M. Shaw

DATED: September 13, 2021

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FORM ES-1

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION OF ALTERNATE DIRECTOR

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT:

(name)

(mailing address)

a member of _____
(local chapter)

has been duly elected **Alternate Director** of said local chapter to serve only in the absence of the elected Director in the event a BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING of the Mississippi Legal Professionals Association may be called/held on **Saturday, November 6, 2021**. Said **Alternate Director** shall act only in the absence of the elected Director.

LOCAL CHAPTER RECORDING SECRETARY

DATED: _____, 2021.

INSTRUCTIONS: (1) Submit original via U.S. Mail and copy via email to the Executive Secretary at the address shown below **(at least 20 days prior to the meeting at which the Alternate Director will vote)**

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and (2) Email a copy to President Stephanie Floyd, PP, PLS at:
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and (3) Email a copy to President-Elect Jennifer Parks at:
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FAILURE TO ELECT AND CERTIFY AN ALTERNATE DIRECTOR
AT LEAST 20 DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT WHICH SAID
ALTERNATE DIRECTOR WILL BE VOTING RESULTS IN THE LOSS
OF YOUR CHAPTER'S VOTE AT SAID MEETING, IF THE DULY
ELECTED AND CERTIFIED DIRECTOR IS NOT PRESENT.



MISSISSIPPI LEGAL PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION

Mid-Year Membership Meeting

November 6, 2021

VIA ZOOM ONLY

SCRIP TICKET



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

10:00am – 12:00pm SEMINAR (see separate registration form) *(Free for members of MS LPA)*

Divorce in the Post-Covid World

presented by Kenesha Johnson, Esq.

12:00pm – 1:30pm LUNCH

1:30pm – until MID-YEAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING

COST: \$10 per person*

Name and Certification(s): _____

Address / City, State Zip: _____

Chapter: _____ Email: _____

Guest Name(s): _____

***REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 29, 2021,
after which a late fee of \$5.00 will be assessed.**

All Registration Forms and payments must be received by that date.

Please make checks payable to Gulf Coast Legal Professionals
and mailed so as to be RECEIVED by October 29th:

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MISSISSIPPI LEGAL PROFESSIONALS' ASSOCIATION
2021 ANNUAL MEETING
SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2021
GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI

CALL TO ORDER

President Christopher Pickreign, CMHT (Gulf Coast LP) called the meeting to order at 9:43 a.m.

INVOCATION

Lorraine Knight (Pine Belt LP) gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge was recited in unison.

MISSION STATEMENT

The MS LPA Mission Statement was read by Barry Pickreign, CLP, ALP (Gulf Coast LP).

CODE OF ETHICS

The NALS Code of Ethics was read by Karen Shearer (Jackson LPA).

INTRODUCTION OF OFFICERS

President Pickreign introduced the officers.

OFFICERS

President	Christopher Pickreign, CMHT (Gulf Coast LP)
President-Elect	Stephanie Floyd, PP, PLS (Gulf Coast LP)
Vice President	Jennifer Parks (Jackson LPA)
Executive Secretary	Lee Cummings, ALP (Metro LPA) via Zoom. Standing in is Jeannie Shaw, PP, PLS Emeritus (Gulf Coast LP)
Treasurer	Lorraine Knight (Pine Belt LP)
Parliamentarian	Billie Ruddick, PP, PLS (Gulf Coast LP) Absent. Standing in Karen Kuhn, PP, PLS, Emeritus (Gulf Coast LP)
Executive Advisor	Barry Pickreign, CLP, ALP (Gulf Coast LP)

SPECIAL GUESTS

President Christopher Pickreign recognized special guests in attendance including Lisa Roberts, PLS.

Local Chapter Presidents in attendance

Jackson LPA	Jennifer Parks
Metro LPA	Darleen Dozier, ALP
Pine Belt LP	Lorraine Knight
Gulf Coast LP	Karen Kuhn, PP, PLS, Emeritus
South MS LP	None in attendance

Local Chapter Directors/Alternates in Attendance

Jackson LPA	Marilyn Mills (Alternate Evelyn Harper, PLS)
Metro LPA	Darleen Dozier, ALP
Pine Belt LP	Rabiyyah Camara
Gulf Coast LP	Theresa Wilson, PP, PLS
South MS LP	None in attendance

2021 Award of Excellence Recipient Marilyn Mills (Jackson LPA)

DIRECTIONS AS TO VOTING

President Christopher Pickreign recognized Karen Kuhn, PP, PLS, Emeritus, acting Parliamentarian, to give directions as to voting.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

President Pickreign recognized Jeannie Shaw, PP, PLS, Emeritus, standing in for Executive Secretary Lee Cummings, ALP, to present the minutes of the November 2020 Membership Meeting. Upon presentation Jeannie moved that the minutes of the November 2020 Membership Meeting be approved as distributed. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Floyd, PP, PLS (Gulf Coast LP). Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President Christopher Pickreign recognized Jeannie Shaw, PP, PLS, Emeritus to present the recommendations of the Executive Committee.

Jeannie moved that the membership ratify the board's action taken by approving a motion to waive the Standing Rules and change the deadline for receipt of Scholarship nominations from April 1 to May 1 for this year only. Motion carried.

Jeannie moved that the membership ratify the Executive Committee's approval of the scrip ticket for the 2021 Annual Meeting. Motion carried.

Jeannie moved that the membership ratify the Executive Committee's approval of a motion to allow President Pickreign to utilize the available funds for "President's Expenses" to purchase his year-end appreciation gifts as he sees fit. Motion carried.

Jeannie moved that the membership ratify the Executive Committee's approval of the seminar speakers and seminar registration form for the 2021 Annual Meeting. Motion carried.

Jeannie moved that the membership ratify the Executive Committee's action to send a letter to South Mississippi Legal Professionals requesting the proceeds from the November 2020 Membership meeting be sent to the state association not later than July 1, 2021. Motion carried.

Jeannie moved that the membership ratify the Executive Committee's action in granting Billie Ruddick, PP, PLS Honorary Membership in MSLPA. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

President Christopher Pickreign recognized Treasurer Lorraine Knight who presented the financial report with one correction of moving an annual meeting expense in the amount of \$5,529.6 to misc. and approval of an overage of \$4,460.39 made at the February 2021 meeting. Further Treasurer requested that a \$200 check which had never cleared (check 8298) be declared dead and void and that a new check be issued for the directory ad for Last Chance CLE. Motion to replace check was seconded by Jennifer Parks and carried. Financial report as corrected was filed subject to financial review.

OFFICER REPORTS

No current officer had a report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following committee chairs presented a report:

Corresponding Secretary Evelyn Harper, PLS is sending out cards as necessary.

Award of Excellence Chair Karen Kuhn, PP, PLS, Emeritus will make the presentation during the evening program.

CLE/Seminar Chair Reba Peden, PP, PLS, reported there were 36 attendees at the seminars (21 attorneys, 5 non-members, 10 NALS members) for a total of \$1,410 in fees. There were \$130.50 incurred in costs, primarily for the MS Bar expense of crediting CLE for the attorneys, leaving a profit of \$1,306.50 for this CLE event.

Finance Chair Evelyn Harper, PLS reported that there was a profit of \$211 for the year from the raffle of the Pampered Chef Wok.

Scholarship Chair Reba Peden, PP, PLS, will announce the winner at the evening program.

State Publication Chair Karen Shearer published a special memorial to Jamie Roddey, PLS, who will be sorely missed. Copies of the publication were provided to Jamie's family and a copy of the publication will be sent to NALS.

Technology Chair Karen Shearer placed the *Profile* and Standing Rules on the state website.

Last Chance CLE Chair Stephanie Floyd stated that we will be holding the annual CLE programs at two locations and are hoping for a hybrid event (both Zoom and live); but, are awaiting the MS Bar approval.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Christopher Pickreign called on Karen Shearer to present the changes to the Standing Rules and Bylaws to conform them to the NALS language – Karen stated that the documents were posted on the website in preparation of voting on same at this meeting.

Changes to Bylaws: Specifically, voting members in good standing must be current on ALL dues. Voting includes attendees by Zoom or in person. Board of Directors may amend Bylaws. New language regarding disposal of assets by a chapter that is closing or dissolving. Karen Shearer moved that the Bylaws be approved as presented. Reba Peden seconded. Motion carried.

Changes to Standing Rules as posted on the website included an increase in student and associate member dues to \$10 a year as they have voting rights. Annual Meeting expenses are the responsibility of the hosting chapter (Rule 6 Section E) and adding a new paragraph (Rule 8) regarding reporting of meeting funds. Karen Shearer moved that the Standing Rules be approved. Stephanie Floyd, PP, PLS seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

President Christopher Pickreign called for bids for hosting meetings in the 2021-2022 fiscal year. August meeting was tabled until the Sunday May 23rd meeting.

Gulf Coast LP bid for the November 2021 meeting at a time and place TBD.

Pine Belt LP bid for the February 2022 meeting at a time and place TBD.

Jackson LPA bid for the 2022 Annual Meeting at a time and place TBD.

All bids were accepted for the November, February and 2022 Annual Meeting.

President Christopher Pickreign presented thank you cards to all committee chairs and the executive committee members.

REPORT OF MEETING ATTENDANCE

Jackson LPA	3
Metro LPA	1
Pine Belt LP	3
Gulf Coast LP	8
South MS LP	0
Guests	1
Total	16

With no further business to come before the association, the meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Christopher Pickreign, CMHT, President

Jeannie Shaw, PP, PLS, Emeritus
acting Executive Secretary



MISSISSIPPI LEGAL PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION SEMINAR

Saturday, November 6, 2021

This seminar will not be an in-person event.

It will only be conducted in real time via Zoom.

Zoom instructions will be emailed to all registrants by Friday, November 5th.

SCHEDULE:

10:00am – 12:00pm

Divorce in the Post-Covid World

presented by Kenesha Johnson, Esq.

COST: ____ \$40 for attorneys, paralegals, non-members, and NALS Members ____ \$0 for current members of MS LPA

*This legal education seminar program has been approved for 2.0 hours of CLE accreditation
by the Mississippi Commission on Continuing Legal Education / Board of Certified Court Reporters*

For more information contact Theresa Wilson, PP, PLS / MS LPA Seminar Chair by email: twilsonpp@gmail.com

Name: _____

Address / City, State Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ MS BAR NO. _____

MSLPA pays all CLE fees to MS Comm on CLE

Registration DEADLINE is Wed November 3, 2021

**Because this is a Zoom-only event –
ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED
in order to receive Zoom instructions by November 5th**

**Please make checks payable to Mississippi Legal Professionals Association
and mailed so as to be RECEIVED by Wednesday, November 3rd:**

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 Marilyn Mills
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 Billie Ruddick, PP, PLS
 April Ruddick
 Jeannie Shaw, PP, PLS
 Karen Shearer

*Thank you,
 MSLPA Boosters!*



NALS Code of Ethics & Professional Re- sponsibility

Members of NALS are bound by the objectives of this Association and the standards of conduct required of the legal profession.

Every member shall:

- ***Encourage respect for the law and the administration of justice;***
- ***Observe rules governing privileged communications and confidential information;***
- ***Promote and exemplify high standards of loyalty, cooperation and courtesy;***
- ***Perform all duties of the profession with integrity and competence; and***
- ***Pursue a high order of professional attainment.***



CHAPTER REPORTS



Jackson Legal Professionals Association

Due to the rise in Covid cases again, we only met in person a couple of times. We hope, and look forward to meeting in person again in October with Court Observance.

Our tentative plan for Court Observance week, in line with NALS theme *Dignity Despite Divergence*, is to listen to/watch "The Importance of Civility in the Courtroom" podcast and we will have a defense lawyer, as our guest speaker at our luncheon who will share his/her experiences in the courtroom on this subject. The final luncheon and podcast dates, and speaker we be provided upon completion of the agenda.

Since our Installation of Officers in April, we held elections for the vacant position of Recording Secretary. Brooke Herrington from Butler Snow was elected unanimously by acclamation.

Also, JLPA is excited to host the MSLPA Annual Meeting next year to honor our own Jennifer Parks as the incoming MSLPA President. Plans are underway and we plan to have tentative location, dates, agenda, etc. soon.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marilyn Mills
JLPA Director 2020-2021*

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- ADLAI STEVENSON

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

I have continued to send cards out to membership and others as requested. When you make a request for me to send a card, please include the address for the recipient.

Evelyn Harper, PLS

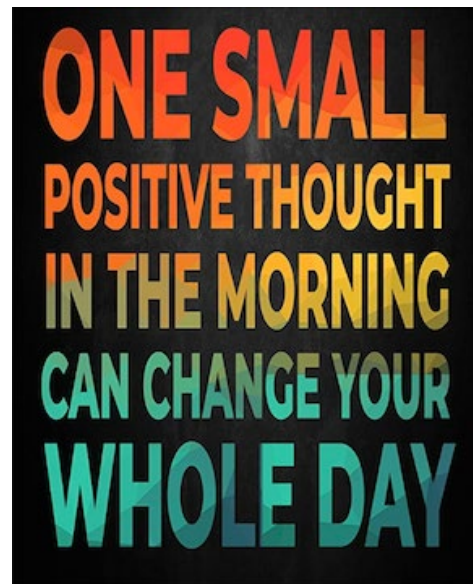
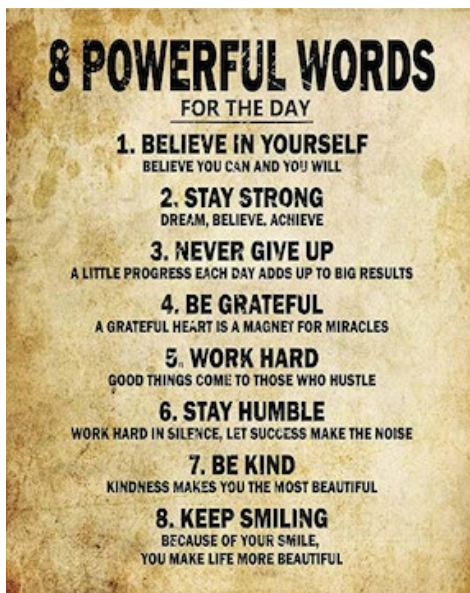
CLE/SEMINARS

Members, please share the seminar registration form for the CLE program being offered via Zoom on November 6. Kenesha Johnson, Esquire, will be our guest speaker and will do a 2-hour presentation on ***Divorce in the Post-Covid World***. Please make plans to attend as this is at no cost to you as a member of MS LPA. You must, however, submit the registration form or send me an email (twilsonpp@gmail.com) by Wednesday, November 4, in order to receive the Zoom instructions.

Please share our registration with attorneys and paralegals in need of CLE credits. They can receive 2.0 hours for the low price of \$40--that is only \$20 per hour and they don't even have to leave home!

Please feel free to send me ideas or suggestions of speakers or topics for future presentations.

*Theresa L. Wilson, PP, PLS
Seminar/General CLE Chair*





It's that time of year again — we need to find speakers for our two events on Friday, July 29, 2022. Each site's event will offer 6.5 hours of CLE, which includes 1 hour of Ethics. If you know of anyone willing to be a speaker, or have a topic you would like to be included, please contact me at sf@barrettlawms.com. We are striving to have the full line-up of speakers/topics for both events finalized by the end of January 2022 so the schedules/registration form can be presented for approval at the Board of Directors' Meeting in February.

Thank you,
Last Chance CLE Committee

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

SAMPLE BALLOT OFFICERS FOR THE 2022-2023 TERM OF OFFICE

PRESIDENT-ELECT:

- ☐ Lee Cummings, ALP
- ☐ _____

VICE PRESIDENT:

- ☐ Lee Cummings, ALP
- ☐ Marilyn Mills
- ☐ _____

SECRETARY:

- ☐ Ken Tullis, Jr.
- ☐ _____

TREASURER:

- ☐ Reba Peden, PP, PLS-SC
- ☐ Marilyn Mills
- ☐ Stephanie Floyd, PP, PLS
- ☐ Theresa Wilson, PP, PLS
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BIOS OF NOMINEES

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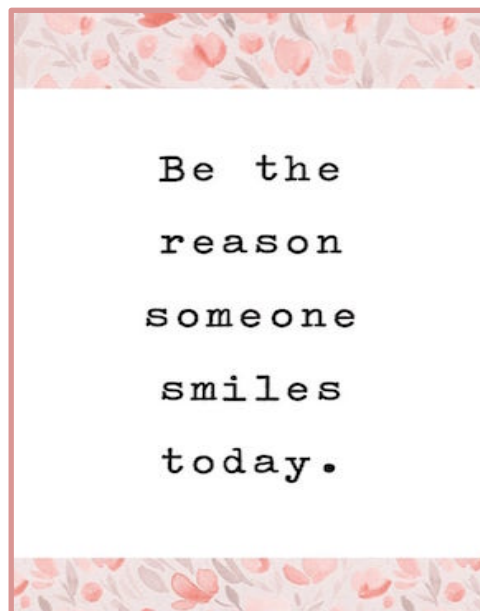
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Secretary

Ken Tullis, Jr.

I am Ken Tullis, Jr. Currently I am a paralegal for Baskin Jones at Jones Law Firm in Jackson, and Admissions Coordinator and Bookkeeper for The Home Place for almost two years and will be leaving at the end of September, 2021. I was Delivery Driver with Papa John's for seventeen years. I am originally from Memphis Tn. I currently live in Madison, MS. I graduated from Holmes Community College with a General Education Degree in May 2016. I also obtained an Associate in Paralegal Technology Degree from Holmes in May 2019. I am currently enrolled at Holmes for accounting. Some of my hobbies are reading David Baldacci books, going to The Range to target practice with my pistols, and being a student is also a hobby of mine too.

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Stephanie Floyd, PP, PLS

Stephanie has worked for Jonathan Barrett, a solo practitioner in Madison, Mississippi, since 2013. She has over 37 years experience as a legal secretary and legal assistant. Stephanie attained her PLS and PP certifications through exams with NALS. She has been a member of NALS since 1994, is a Life Member, and is a member of Gulf Coast LP local chapter.

Stephanie served as chapter president for Jackson LPA and Metro LPA, as well as serving in other elected chapter offices and on many committees. Stephanie served on the NALS Board as Region 6 director for one year; as a member of the NALS Foundation for six years; as Co-Chair of a Region 6 meeting in Mississippi for one year; and on the committee for the NALS Annual Educational Conference held in Biloxi, Mississippi in 2004.

On the state level, Stephanie has been an active committee member and chair of many of the state's committees, including annual meeting committees, *Profile* editor, Website & Technology, Cruise to Learn, and spearheading Last Chance CLE since its inception in 2017. She has been an elected officer for the state - serving as Executive Secretary (two terms), Vice President, President Elect, and is currently serving as President. Stephanie said she was humbled and honored to be nominated for the office of Treasurer and excited for the opportunity to serve the state association in that capacity.

Theresa Wilson, PP, PLS

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A Note from the Editor

I hope you have enjoyed this issue of the *MSLPA Profile*. Please share with me any content that you think would be good to be published in our next issue. And I'd love to see all members listed in our Booster Ad!

Since our last publication, we have had many members and former members who have had personal or family illnesses and loss. Please keep these members in your prayers, as life may have moved on, but things are far from "normal."

On a personal note, I appreciate all the notes of condolence which Lorraine and I have received in the recent loss of our precious mother.

Karen Shearer