

CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY, DIANE M. STANLEY, RP



I am pleased to say that my working relationship with the NALS association at the local, state, and national levels, as well as my legal training and experience of 35+ years, has prepared me for the undertaking. I am detail oriented, organized, and proficient in my abilities, personable and professional, and possess a desire to foster and preserve the work of our association to better serve the legal community.

Houston Association of Legal Professionals

Director and Editor (2017-2018)
Director and Secretary (2016-2017)
Director (2015-2016)
President (2014-2015)
President-Elect (2013-2014)
Secretary (2012-2013)
Secretary (2011-2012)

Texas Association of Legal Professionals

Director and Nominations & Elections Chair (2017-2018)
Director (2016-2017)
Director (2015-2016)

National

Marketing and Editorial Committee (2017-2018)
Editorial Committee (2016-2017)
Editorial Committee (2015-2016)

Certifications: Registered Paralegal, State Bar of Texas
Texas Paralegal School

Honors: Houston ALP Legal Professional of the Year (2014-2015)
Inspiration Award (2016-2017)

CANDIDATE QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:

1. **Membership.** Do you have a vision for sustaining and growing the Texas ALP membership in the coming year? If so, please describe.

Logically, if we grow the membership locally, so does Texas ALP. Communication and creativity is the key! We must be vigilant in reaching the membership at large and we must be creative in the products and services we provide in furtherance of personal growth and career objectives. We are a tool of the trade, so to speak! We must stay abreast of current events and laws updates to keep our members informed and we must communicate this information through the use of various means (i.e., newsletters, brown bag luncheons, continuing education classes, and professional development seminars.) It's a win, win!

2. **Participation.** Do you have a plan to encourage membership participation at local, state, and national conferences and events? If so, please describe.

I would encourage the officers and board members of the local chapters to personally contact as many of the members at large as possible to advise of upcoming association events and seek out the reasons why they choose not to attend are unable to attend and work out solutions (i.e, travel and room shares, sponsorships for event registrations, and the like). It's a huge task, but totally worthwhile if we can increase participation. We owe it to our members to get the best value for their money!

3. **Commitment.** Describe your commitment to the association and your fellow officers and board for the continued success of Texas ALP in the coming year?

As they say, Texas Hold'em style, "I'm all in." It is my desire to foster and preserve the work of our association to better serve our legal communities, hands down. I feel my business experience overall can benefit the association, and I pledge to support the officers and board in this effort. I am here to serve!

4. **Education.** What suggestions do you have in making the continuing legal education offered by Texas ALP entertaining as well as educational?

Topics with a twist! I think we need to be just as creative with our suggested topics as we are with our speakers. When the members look at the conference schedule and see a topic like Real Estate 101, it's boring. For example, if the subject to be discussed is survey maps and plats, suggest "The Mighty Plat Scape." Take intermission breaks to a new level, a 7th inning stretch, if you will. During the session break, have the TALP representative entertain a trivia question, specific to the locale of the conference or the subject being presented, to be considered during the break. Before the session convenes have the TALP representative poll for the correct answer. Award the first participant with the

correct answer a token prize, something simple. This will inspire creativity amongst the TALP board members, as well!