



## **KANSAS LEGAL PROFESSIONALS, INC.**

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### **A PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR LEGAL PROFESSIONALS ACROSS THE STATE OF KANSAS**

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Kansas Legal Professionals, Inc. (KLPI) was organized in May of 1996. The initial goal of KLPI is to provide membership in a professional association for all persons in the legal field throughout the state of Kansas. Not only will individual members benefit from belonging to a professional association, but their employers will also discover the advantages.

#### **GOALS**

- \* To enhance continuing education and professional development of its members;
- \* To stimulate professional standards and ethics among its members;
- \* To encourage improving the quality and effectiveness of legal services;
- \* To cooperate with and assist attorneys, judges, bar associations and their affiliates;
- \* To establish networking among its members;
- \* To unite legal professionals into a state association;
- \* To assist local chapters in retaining and increasing membership.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

KLPI is comprised of members of local chapters, members-at-large, and honorary members. Membership is open to persons engaged as a legal secretary, paralegal, law office administrator, stenographer, typist, receptionist, or clerk in any law office; any person employed in the court system, the trust departments of banks or trust companies, abstracters and title companies, or in any public or private institution or office engaged in work of a legal nature, including the public offices of the United States government, states, counties, cities, or municipalities; those persons licensed to practice law; and those persons who have been members of another legal association (i.e., Kansas Association of Legal Secretaries).

#### **Local Chapters**

Membership in a local chapter offers many advantages: monthly meetings with programs of particular interest and educational value; advice and counsel of others in specified areas of legal procedure; development of friendships with those sharing similar interest and goals in the legal field; and an organization which can provide assistance to its local community in many different ways.

#### **Member-at-Large**

Where no local chapter exists, application may be made for member-at-large membership. A member-at-large chapter may also be formed. KLPI has members-at-large throughout the state, and these members enjoy all benefits that KLPI has to offer.

#### **Honorary Members**

Honorary members are elected by the Members by reason of some outstanding or special service performed for KLPI or the general public welfare.

#### **Dues**

Annual dues are set by local chapters and KLPI. A current membership application itemizes state and local dues. Dues may be prorated on a graduating scale throughout the year.

## **BENEFITS AND SERVICES**

### **Continuing Legal Education**

KLPI and local chapters sponsor seminars, educational programs, workshops, and professional courses. Continuing legal education (CLE) credits can be obtained by attending approved sponsored events.

### **Publication**

A publication containing news of members across the state, information concerning KLPI functions, news items of interest pertinent to the legal professional and educational articles is published three times a year.

### **Certification**

Assistance can be obtained in learning more about certification programs offered by national legal organizations: the Accredited Legal Secretary (ALS), Professional Legal Secretary (PLS) and Professional Paralegal (PP) certifications sponsored by the National Association of Legal Secretaries, Inc. (NALS); the Certified Legal Assistant (CLA) and specialty certifications sponsored by the National Association of Legal Assistants, Inc. (NALA); and the Registered Paralegal (RP) sponsored by the National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc (NFPA).

### **Employment Referral**

KLPI Employment Referral Committee is a referral service for members and other legal support professionals seeking employment in Kansas. The Committee's service is made available to Kansas attorneys, law firms, members and other legal support professionals seeking employees in the legal field. Employers may contact the Committee to advise KLPI of open/available positions.

### **Networking**

Membership in KLPI and local chapters provides valuable opportunities for networking with peers to expand the circle of valuable professional contacts statewide.

## **SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS**

Scholarships are awarded by many of the local chapters and by KLPI. The awards are based upon merit, ability, and financial need, with special emphasis on prospective legal support staff. Deadline for submission of applicants is March 15.

### **Legal Professional of the Year**

The Legal Professional of the Year (LPY) Award is given annually to a legal professional who has been nominated. Nominees submit applications that are judged by a panel of three persons selected by the chairperson and approved by the Members. The finalists for the LPY Award are then interviewed by three persons who are likewise selected by the chairperson and approved by the Members. The announcement of the LPY Award is the highlight of the banquet Saturday evening during the Annual Meeting. Deadline for submission of nominated applicants is March 15.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

### **Representation**

KLPI functions through its Members, as well as the elected and appointed officers of KLPI.

### **Meetings**

Election of state officers and the welfare of KLPI as a whole are considered at the Annual Meeting held in April or May. Social events are included as part of the agenda. Awards and scholarships are presented during annual meeting events. The first board meeting is held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting. The Fall board meeting is held in conjunction with our Fall seminar held in September or October. Social events are included as part of the agenda.

## **LOCAL CHAPTERS**

**Topeka Legal Professionals    Wichita Legal Professionals    Members-at-Large**  
**For membership application, please visit our website: [www.klpi.org](http://www.klpi.org)**