

**“STAYING SAVVY WITH SEALA”
SEMINAR**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2011

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*State Bar of Georgia's Coastal Office
18 E. Bay Street
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This seminar meets the requirements of the Certifying Board of Legal Assistants and National Association of Legal Assistants, Inc. for a maximum of 7.0 hours of continuing legal assistant education credit required for maintaining the Certified Paralegal requirements through NALA. It is also approved for 6.0 hours of CE credit for court reporters through The Institute of Continuing Judicial Education (ICJE).

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Complete and mail the registration form with your payment.

Early Registration:

- **Deadline:** October 11, 2011
- **Cost:** \$ 110 SEALA members
\$ 130 Non-member
\$ 80 Students

Registration Confirmation:

- Registrations received prior to October 19, 2011 will be confirmed via e-mail or fax.

Onsite Registration:

- **Time:** 8:00 a.m.
- **Cost:** \$150.00 (as space allows)

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Location: State Bar of Georgia's Coastal Office
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- **Deadline: 5:00 p.m. October 14, 2011**
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- Fax cancellations must be received by the stated deadline.
- A \$ 25.00 administrative fee will be charged for all refunds.
- Registration fees are transferable to other individuals.

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Crystal Nichols, C.P.
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SEMINAR AGENDA

- 8:00 – 8:40** Registration
- 8:45 – 9:00** Opening Remarks
- 9:00 – 10:00** William Kidd, Esq.
Topic: Landlord & Tenant Relations
- 10:00 – 11:00** Mary C. Bensel
Topic: US Customs and Border Protection's roles as an organization
- 11:00 – 12:00** George Lewis, Esq.
Topic: Communications
- 12:00 – 1:00** Lunch/Debby Sawyer, ACP
Topic: NALA, CP and ACP Certifications*
- 1:00 – 2:00** Cory Phillips
Topic: ERISA, Medicare/ Medicaid liens and planning
- 2:00 – 3:00** Kenny Hibner, CCSP, CEMP
Topic: Personal Safety, Workplace Safety and Terrorism Awareness
- 3:00 – 4:00** David Mack, Esq.
Topic: Environmental Law
- 4:00 – 4:30** Closing Remarks

*This session does not qualify for ICJE credit.

The Southeastern Association of Legal Assistants reserves the right to modify the agenda and the facility when circumstances are beyond its control.

SEMINAR SPEAKERS BIOS

William L. Kidd, Esq.-Attorney with the firm of Curtis & Kidd PA. Mr. Kidd's practice areas include: General Civil and Trial Practice in all Courts; Bankruptcy; Commercial Law; Creditor's Rights; Construction Law; Insurance Defense; Subrogation; Landlord and Tenant; Litigation; Real Property; Zoning, Planning and Land Use. He graduated from Georgia State University, B.B.A., cum laude, 1982 then Emory University receiving his J.D. in 1985. He has been admitted to the U.S. District Court, Northern and Middle Districts of Georgia. Mr. Kidd is as member of the Gwinnett County Bar Association and State Bar of Georgia (Member, Creditor's Rights and Tort and Insurance Practice Sections).

Debby Sawyer, ACP- National Association of Legal Assistants/Paralegals' (NALA) Region II Director and serves on the NALA Board of Directors. Ms. Sawyer has been a paralegal since 1991 in the field of litigation. In 2010, she began working in the federal court system as the Civil Case Manager/Courtroom Deputy for US District Judge James C. Dever III in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, in Raleigh, North Carolina. In addition to her NALA duties, she has served in various leadership positions for the North Carolina Paralegal Association and the Tidewater Paralegal Association in Virginia. She has presented at numerous State Bar and Paralegal Seminars, and has been a guest speaker for the paralegal programs at Bryant & Stratton College, Tidewater Community College, Tidewater Tech, Meredith College, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Kenny Hibner, CCSP, CEMP- Mr. Hibner is a certified Emergency Management Professional and a Certified Security Professional. He has completed the FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) Professional Development Program and has completed certificate based trainings in Terrorism Threat Awareness, Command Post Personnel Training for Weapons of Mass Destruction. Mr. Hibner is also a Certified Trainer in Community Emergency Response Training.

Mary C. Bensel-Fines, Penalties & Forfeitures officer for US Customs and Border Protection. She has been employed with CBP for 34 years, 29 of which she has been the FPF Officer. She is responsible for adjudicating cases generated at the Port of Savannah by both CBP and ICE. She has also supervised the FPF offices in Atlanta and Charleston. She has worked on numerous headquarters projects and has just recently completed a 10-year project as the co-author of the Seized Asset Management and Enforcement Procedures Handbook, which establishes agenda practices for seizure cases, seized property management, penalties and liquidated damages.

George Lewis, Esq.- Mr. Lewis practices with the Lewis Law Group. He graduated college from Auburn University in 1979; University of Georgia School of Law in 1982. He has been in practice in Savannah, GA since 1983. His primary areas of practice are eminent domain and personal injury, specializing in trucking accident cases.

Cory Phillips- Partner, Settlement Planner for Forge Consulting, LLC. Consults on various aspects of settlement planning including attending, mediations, settlement conferences, and other hearings designed to resolve litigated and non-litigated practices. Mr. Phillips has consulted on \$500 million worth of settlements with Forge. Mr. Phillips is a seasoned speaker on Medicare and Medicaid Planning.

David Mack, Esq.- Mr. Mack graduated with a BS in Education from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1980. Upon graduation he taught in the Spartanburg, SC public school system for six years. In 1989, he graduated from Mercer Law School in Macon, GA. He then went on to work as Assistant City Prosecutor for the City of Charleston and later as an Assistant District Attorney for the 9th Judicial Circuit in Charleston. From 1992 through 2007, Mr. Mack was in private practice focusing on consumer bankruptcy law. During that time frame he also served as a full-time faculty member in the Department of Business & Economics at Charleston Southern University. In 2007, Mr. Mack accepted the position of Program Director for Paralegal and Legal Studies at South University, Savannah.

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HORS D'OEUVRES WILL BE SUPPLIED; CASH BAR AVAILABLE.