



# Letter of the Law

Dear members,

*I would like to start wishing a very belated Happy Mother's Day to all the moms in this association. I hope your day was filled with much love and joy with the company of your family. I would also like to wish everyone an restful Memorial Day weekend. We honor and give thanks to those who served in the different branches of service who paid the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms that we all enjoy.*



*It has been 2 years since I was installed as President of EPALP, and it seems like it was just yesterday. We have gone through some historic moments together and learned to navigate through so much uncertainty. I am grateful for being trusted to lead this Association and its members and look forward to doing it again in the not so near future. Ha! . My term as President is officially over and I thank you all for your continued support with not only EPALP, but also with so many other organizations we were able to help during these last two terms. I now leave this in Carol's capable hands. I am a phone call or an email away if I can ever be of assistance to any of you in the future.*

*May you all be well.*



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### May 8

El Paso Bar Association Luncheon

### May 9

[EPALP Installation Luncheon](#)

### May 12

[El Paso Lawyers for Patriots Legal Clinic](#)

### May 17

El Paso Paralegal Association Luncheon

### October 12-13

[Texas ALP 2018 Fall Education Conference](#)

If you know of any events we should share, [please let us know!](#)

ASSEMBLY-LINE PLAINTIFFS [ARTICLE BY DANIEL WILF-TOWNSEND](#)

*Around the country, state courts are being flooded with the claims of massive repeat filers. These large corporate plaintiffs leverage economies of scale to bring tremendous quantities of low-value claims against largely unrepresented individual defendants. Using recently developed litigation-analytics tools, this Article presents the first nationwide study of these “assembly-line plaintiffs,” examining the top civil filers in a range of state courts across the country going back to 2004. It documents the pervasive nature of this litigation, finding that in many court systems just the top ten private filers account for between one fifth and one third of all*

*civil litigation.*

[Read full article](#)

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## OFFICE MEMES

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***Community  
Relations  
Calendar***





## Calling All Members for 2022-23



**We Want You**, so just say YES and just like that you are part of the Leadership Team for El Paso ALP. No matter what your talents, no matter what your strengths, no matter what your time commitments, there is a place for you on an El Paso ALP committee. We all have our jobs, family commitments, and other interests that keep us busy. So don't forget to make time to continue your own self-improvement through education, networking, and service within our association.

if you want to be part of the El Paso ALP Leadership Team, here is the list of remaining committees looking for a chair.

### YES! I want to be part of the 2022-23 El Paso ALP Leadership Team!!

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Firm:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### I would like to chair the following committee:

Committee	Description
Court Observance	This Committee shall plan and carry out a program for recognizing the NALS' Court Observance Week which is the second full week in October.
Directory	Maintain information for local attorneys for publication in the Association's Legal Directory. Duties include maintaining accurate information and soliciting advertising. Committee is also responsible for providing labels as requested.
Education	This committee shall be responsible for the development and coordination of all continuing education programs of this Association. It shall further be the duty of this committee to provide legal education articles for the newsletter of this Association each month. It is also the responsibility of this committee to coordinate with the Programs Committee in establishing and obtaining speakers at the Membership Meetings of this Association and to provide CLE certificates to be disbursed at all legal education functions (i.e., seminars, day in court, membership meetings).
Ways & Means	It shall be the duty of this committee to propose projects and methods of earning funds for the treasury of this Association and special events as approved by the membership.

If you have questions about any committee, please contact EPALP President Carol Gutierrez at [cgut@scotthulse.com](mailto:cgut@scotthulse.com) or 915.546.8340 (office) or 915.355.5509 (cell). I am more than happy to answer any questions.

**NALS 2022 National Conference**  
**September 15-17, 2022**  
**Sonesta Charlotte Executive Park**



**EVENTS**

THURSDAY, May 19, 2022

**Webinar - How to Avoid the Unauthorized Practice of Law sponsored by Eastern Kentucky University**

Friday, May 27, 2022

**How to Take Care of Yourself (and others) with Technology**



**EVENTS**

Texas ALP– November 18, 2020  
- Ethics " Now more than ever we need ethics in our lives."

**Vendor Registration Open**

Showcase your company to a national audience of legal support professionals by exhibiting and sponsoring. There are a variety of options available or we can work with you to create a custom package that meets your marketing goals. View options or contact Elly to discuss the possibilities!

[View the prospectus here.](#)

**Travel**

Sonesta Charlotte Executive Park  
5700 Westpark Drive  
Charlotte, NC 28217

Sonesta Charlotte Executive Park is five minutes from Charlotte Douglas Airport, right in the heart of the trendy Uptown and South End neighborhoods. Spend extra time exploring Charlotte - the NALS room rate is good Sept. 11-20 (pending availability).

Room rate for NALS attendees \$159/night + tax for a single/double room. For three or four guests in a room, add \$10/additional guest/night.

**Book Online**

Call 1-704-527-9650

Group Code: 091422NALS

Reservations must be made by Wednesday, August 24 at 5:00pm Eastern Time.

**Seeking Educational Speakers**

Share your expertise by presenting a breakout or keynote session. Submit a [Call for Presentations](#) form today to be considered!

**Preliminary Schedule**

*subject to change*

Continuing Legal Education: Attendees have the opportunity to earn up to 15 CLE!

Thursday, September 15

2:00 - 5:15 p.m. Pre-Conference Leadership Development Programs\*

5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Welcome Reception

Friday, September 16

7:30 - 8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:00 - 9:30 a.m. Opening General Session

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Breakout CLE Sessions

12:00 - 1:15 p.m. Luncheon

1:30 - 5:15 p.m. Breakout CLE Sessions & Exhibit Hall Networking

7:00 - 10:00 p.m. NALS Foundation Fundraiser Event\*

Saturday, September 17

7:30 - 8:15 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Breakout CLE Sessions & Exhibit Hall Networking

12:15 - 1:30 p.m. Awards & Recognition Luncheon

1:45 - 4:00 p.m. Breakout CLE Sessions

4:15 - 5:30 p.m. Closing General Session

7:00 p.m. Optional Charlotte Excursion\*

\*These events will require an additional ticket. All other functions listed are included in the registration fee.

SEE YOU IN  
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## MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORTS

The minutes of the monthly business and education meetings as well as the treasurer's reports may be found on the EPALP website. Stay in the know and visit the website today! First-time visitors will need to register with the e-mail they used when they joined EPALP. If you need help, please contact Rachel Scott at [rachel@expressrecords.net](mailto:rachel@expressrecords.net).

## THE LETTER OF THE LAW ARCHIVES

Did you know that the EPALP website has a newsletter archive? Visit our new and improved website to see what else is available to you in the "Members Only" section .

[www.epalp.org](http://www.epalp.org)



## YEARLY ELECTION MEETING OF THE EL PASO ASSOCIATION OF LEGAL PROFESSIONALS HELD ON

APRIL 13, 2022

The yearly Election Meeting of the members of The El Paso Association of Legal Professionals was duly called and convened on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at the Anson 11 Brigadier room. President Rachel Scott acted as Chairman of the meeting and Secretary Denise Castro recorded the minutes of the meeting.

**Members and Guests in Attendance:** Cerra Rasberry, Rachel Scott, Denise Castro, Lesly Orozco, Barbara Divis, Monica Acuna, Mary Reyes, Terri Castillo, Yvette Castillo, Christina Alvarado, Carol Gutierrez, Sonia Valencia, Giuliana Leal, Sandi Ramirez, Danielle Stanfield, Thelma Martinez, Daniela Talamantes, Gina Gallegos, Miriam Garcia, Martha Woods.

A quorum being present, the Chairman called the meeting to order at 12:15 PM

**THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO MEMBERS ONLY.** Pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2 of the Bylaws of this Association, the following is a slate of nominees for the 2022-2023 fiscal year and is hereby presented to the Membership as follows:

President	Carol Gutierrez
President-Elect	Vacant
Treasurer	Christina Mendoza
Secretary	Denise Castro
Vice President	Monica Acuna
Director	Yvette Castillo

Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Floor Nominations: President-Elect Sandi Ramirez

Concluding the presentation, the Chairman opened discussion for questions and thanked members for attending. The meeting adjourned at 12:58 PM.

Denise Castro

/s/ Denise Castro

Secretary for the El Paso Association of Legal Professionals

### 5 STEPS TO REAL LEADERSHIP



#### [What is leadership, and who is a leader?](#)

Everyone knows what leadership is, but few people can articulate what it truly means. Creating a cohesive definition within your organization is a crucial step for developing future leaders and maintaining unity and a strong leadership focus.

Jacob Morgan

*Read the full text at the link above.*

## BIRTHDAYS

MAY 10

CHRISTINA MENDOZA

MAY 14

MIRIAM GARCIA



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### EPALP COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Audit: Cerra Raspberry

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Bylaws/

Standing Rules: Carol Gutierrez & Miriam Garcia

Certification: Rachel Scott

Community Sylvia Zubiato

Relations: Rachel Scott

Court Observance: Marie Crowder

Directory: Rachel Scott & Carol Gutierrez

Education: Rachel Scott

Employment: Monica Acuna

Marketing: Rachel Scott

Membership: Yvette Castillo

Nominations: Rachel Scott

Newsletter: Lesly Orozco

Programs: Yvette Castillo

Reservations: Rachel Scott

Scholarship: Rachel Scott

Ways & Means: Rachel Scott

Website: Rachel Scott

If you learn of any changes to attorney/firm contact information, please e-mail Rachel Scott, [Rachel@expressrecords.net](mailto:Rachel@expressrecords.net).

STAY CONNECTED — If you need to change or update your contact information for the Association, please e-mail Membership Chair, Lesly Orozco, at [orozcolesly78@yahoo.com](mailto:orozcolesly78@yahoo.com). Please take a moment to verify your information. Thank you!

#### ATTENTION MEMBERS !

Do you have an article that you would like to publish? Any tips or information that you would like to share? If so, publish them in the EPALP Monthly Newsletter, "The Letter of the Law".

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