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CANDIDATE FOR AT LARGE DIRECTOR: SARAH DUGGAN, CP



Paralegal Since: 2021

NALA Member Since: 2021

Educational Background: Sarah earned a M.A. in Professional Communication from Clemson University and a B.A. in English from Augusta University. She went on to obtain an AAS in Paralegal Studies from Greenville Technical College's Paralegal Program in May 2021.

Professional Certification/Awards: While completing Greenville Technical College's Paralegal Program Sarah was named NALA's 2021 Student of the Year. She was also recently named the South Carolina Upstate Paralegal Association's 2022 Paralegal of the Year.

Volunteer Activities: Sarah currently serves on NALA's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee and recently served as 1st Vice President, Programs for the South Carolina Upstate Paralegal Association. While at Greenville Technical College Sarah served as Vice President of the Greenville Technical College Paralegal Association.

Membership in other Associations: Sarah is an active member of the South Carolina Upstate Paralegal Association (SCUPA), is a member of the Alpha Alpha Xi Chapter of Lambda Pi Eta (National Communication Association), and is a lifetime member of Augusta University's 324 Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi. She is also a proud alumna of the Zeta Zeta Chapter of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority at Augusta University.

Serving on the board of directors of a national association requires a unique skill set that includes passion for the profession, an understanding of the association's mission and vision, and the ability to commit time and energy to advancing the strategic goals of the association. Tell us why serving on the NALA Board of Directors is important to you. Share your achievements related to board service and how your experience makes you suitable for the position.

While gaining experience as a new paralegal over the last few years I have served in a variety of roles where I've utilized my specific skillset and education to help others. For example, as the 1st Vice President of Programs for the South Carolina Upstate Paralegal Association I coordinated monthly luncheons where speakers fostered constructive dialogue on relevant and critical topics of interest not only within our membership, but within the legal profession as a whole. While serving on the Advisory Committee for Greenville Technical College's Paralegal Program, I engaged in mock interviews with the students to facilitate their growth and provide constructive feedback as they prepare to enter the field as both legal professionals and social justice advocates. As a member of NALA's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee I have written various research articles for our monthly newsletter and Facts & Findings and helped spearhead and facilitate NALA's new DEI microlearning video series.

With my specific education, experience in technical communication and research, and passion for storytelling and creativity, I will add value to NALA's Board of Directors by encouraging fellow paralegals to foster life-long learning and to embrace outside-of-the-box thinking both inside and outside the office.

To watch Sarah's candidate video, click [here](#).

