

# AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS DIRECTOR CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHY



**ADRIENNE D. BERRY, ACP**

## PERSONAL STATEMENT

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My name is Adrienne Berry, ACP. I am asking for your vote for NALA Affiliated Associations (AA) Director. I would like to acknowledge and thank those affiliates who submitted nominations. I have worked 20+ years as a paralegal, including 8 as a supervisory paralegal for the US Department of Justice. I obtained a BA from The University of Alabama, MBA from Colorado Technical University, and a Paralegal Certificate from The University of Alabama in Birmingham. I obtained my NALA CP designation in 2006 and my ACP in Criminal Litigation in 2022. I am a member of the Alabama Association of Paralegals, Inc (“AAPi”) currently serving in my 2<sup>nd</sup> term as president. I have served in a multitude of board positions with AAPi since 2003. I was selected as Paralegal of the Year from my affiliate in 2012 and 2014; and the President’s Award in 2017. I am also a member of Women in eDiscovery. I originally joined NALA in 2005. In 2010, I renewed as an Associate member and missed out on so much. I learned my lesson and returned to active member status in 2011. I was recognized as a NALA AA Achievement winner in 2018. I enjoyed serving NALA as a member of the DE&I Committee for 2 years. Currently, I serve as Ethics Chair and its role as part of the PDC. I have presented at the Affiliate Exchange at the 2020@Home convention. I am presenting a NALA live webinar on June 20, 2023, “Keeping It Real: The Value of Transparency & Innovation Within Your Organization.”

I attended my first NALA convention in 2015 where I gained the nickname of “girl with the selfie stick.” I have made it a part of my persona at each convention following.

I bring years of leadership experience to this role as well as an enthusiasm of growing our profession through the Affiliates. The AA are represented by Presidents and NALA Liaisons who serve as the bridge between NALA and their associations. This connection helps to strengthen our state associations as we progress on our legal journeys.

As the NALA AA Director, I will value the contributions of our members while getting to know each affiliate. As a NALA representative, my job will be to welcome and represent each affiliate and its members for who they are and what they bring to the collective. One of my goals will be to assist each affiliate grow, thrive, and advance the paralegal profession.

Lastly, if elected as AA Director, I will work to support your NALA affiliation and follow its lead in providing resources and creating opportunities and career development for your members.