

# AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS SECRETARY

## CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHY



**JILLIAN L. SHERMAN, ACP**

### PERSONAL STATEMENT

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educational background,  
professional certifications or  
awards, previous or current  
volunteer activities,  
organizational memberships,  
other qualifications, etc.

Jillian L. Sherman, *ACP*, has been the Legislative Liaison & Policy Analyst for the Virginia Retirement System (VRS) since 2014, and was with the Virginia529 College Savings Plan for nine years prior to that. Jillian has a Bachelor's in Stage Management. She is frequently amused by how similar being a paralegal is to stage management- lawyers are just actors on a different stage! In May 2022, Jillian graduated summa cum laude with a Master's in Public Administration (MPA), and is a member of Pi Alpha Alpha, the national public administration honor society.

Jillian earned her CP in 2010, and has APCs in Business Organizations-Incorporated Entities and in Contract Management/Contract Administration. She has been a member of the Richmond Paralegal Association (RPA) since 2010, enjoyed representing RPA as their First Vice President/Education Chair for many years, and served a year as RPA president. Jillian completed NALA's LEAP program in 2013 and went on to be appointed a member then chair of NALA's Professional Development Committee, and was a member of the Continuing Education Council.

Jillian has authored several articles for Facts & Findings and presented NALA Campus Live! CLEs on 529 college savings plans. She was the only non-director and non-general counsel recipient of the College Savings Plans' Network's Chair's Achievement Award, and has also received the 2013 RPA Outstanding Paralegal of the Year Award and the 2017 NALA Affiliates Award.

Service is an integral part of Jillian's life, and she enjoys helping others. A lifelong Girl Scout, Jillian loves that her roles with VRS, Virginia529, RPA, and NALA have allowed her to continue serving others. Now that graduate school is finished, Jillian is looking forward to being actively involved in NALA and her local association again.