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Chris Lillo, ACP, is an Elder Law Paralegal at Legacy Law Firm, P.C. in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She works closely with the firm's elderly clients and their families, specializing in long-term care planning, special needs planning, and Medicaid. Prior to her current position, Chris was employed in-house at a real estate development company, assisting with contracts and risk management. For 25 years prior to that, she was employed as a Business Transactional Paralegal, specializing in estate planning, probate, trust administration, estate and gift taxes, and real estate.

Chris holds an Associate of Applied Science in legal assistant studies, with honors, from Kilian Community College and a Bachelor of Science in sociology with a specialization in human resources from South Dakota State University. She also successfully completed the Elder Law Certificate at Mitchell Hamline School of Law, a non-degree program for professionals working in elder law.

Chris is a Past President of the South Dakota Paralegal Association, Inc. and has held several positions with her local affiliate, including NALA Liaison. She is a graduate of NALA's LEAP program, Class of 2011, was a member of the NALA Certifying Board from 2011 to 2018, served as NALA Area 2 Director from 2018 to 2020, and currently serves as Chair of NALA's Certifying Board. Chris has been a Certified Paralegal (CP) for nearly 30 years, having received the designation in 1994 and the CLA Specialist designation (now ACP) in Estate Planning & Probate in 1995. She also completed two ACPs in Business Entities: Incorporated Entities and Non-corporate Entities.