

## THE ROLE OF AT LARGE DIRECTOR

At Large Directors are required to either reside or be employed within areas 1, 2, or 3. Their role involves fulfilling the duties assigned to them by the Board officers. These directors will serve a two-year term.

### CANDIDATE FOR AT LARGE DIRECTOR: CORTNEY BIVENS, ACP



**Paralegal Since:** 2013

**NALA Member Since:** 03/2024

**Educational Background:** A.A.S. Paralegal Studies

**Professional Certification/Awards:** Advanced Certified Paralegal (Discovery) - January 2025 | Certified Paralegal - October 2024

**Volunteer Activities:** 2023-2024 Secretary for Paralegal Division of NV State Bar

**Membership in other Associations:** None

**Other Qualifications or Comments:** None

**To be a truly great board member requires having good character, a strong commitment to the paralegal profession, the gift of time, and a willingness to use personal and professional resources to advance NALA's mission. Tell us your "why." Why are you interested in serving on the NALA Board of Directors? Tell us about a prior leadership experience where you have moved the dial, shifted the mindset, and ultimately, influenced decisions.**

I am interested in serving on the NALA Board of Directors so that I may gain additional knowledge and resources to bring back to the paralegal community within the area in which I reside, so that we may begin to bridge the gap for access to legal help/representation for those less fortunate in our communities. My purpose for wanting to join the Board is to learn, network and advance the paralegal community in my area based upon NALA's guidance and principles.

Early in my paralegal career, as a Lead Housing Paralegal (for Legal Aid), I was tasked with creating a more efficient and streamlined process for both the attorneys taking on the cases and tenants seeking legal help/representation. To make the process effective, I created or restructured the process from the viewpoint of the tenant. By focusing on the needs of the tenant and making that the primary concern, I was able to create a fast-paced process that aided the attorneys in being able to take on more cases, prevented potential clients from being turned away with a referral network, and decluttered the housing court calendar with less pro-se litigants. This shifted the mindset of how housing clinics were done.

**Watch Cortney's candidate video [here](#).**

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