

# 2026-2027 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

## THE ROLE OF AREA 1, 2, 3 DIRECTORS

Area 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.

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## CANDIDATE FOR AREA 1 DIRECTOR: BRANDY RAE ABLEMAN, ACP, SCCP



**Paralegal Since:** 12/17/2014

**NALA Member Since:** 02/20/2023

**Educational Background:** Associate in Applied Science with a Major in Paralegal Studies from Greenville Technical College (ABA approved program)

**Professional Certification/Awards:** NALA Certified Paralegal (CP) since 2015 | NALA Advanced Certified Paralegal (ACP) in e-Discovery in 2021 | 2019 NALA Affiliate Award | 2020-2022 President's Award (South Carolina Upstate Paralegal Association)

**Volunteer Activities:** I am currently serving on the Continuing Education Council (CEC) for NALA.

**Membership in Other Associations:** I am an active member of the South Carolina Upstate Paralegal Association (SCUPA), a NALA affiliate. I have served on the Executive Board for SCUPA as President, NALA Liaison, and 2nd VP of Membership. I have also served on the Seminar and Pro Bono Committees for SCUPA.

**Other Qualifications or Comments:** I am a dedicated and goal-oriented paralegal. I have over seven years of service on the South Carolina Upstate (SCUPA) Executive Board and I am currently serving on the Continuing Education Council (CEC) for NALA. I have a deep commitment to promoting the paralegal profession. I pride myself on being an organized, "outside-the-box" thinker who can visualize complex ideas and transform them into actionable road maps.

My leadership style is rooted in collaboration rather than dictation; I prioritize active listening and encourage diverse perspectives to ensure every project flourishes. Whether I am public speaking with little preparation or mentoring students within the legal community, I approach every task with a charismatic, approachable, and lighthearted energy.

Ultimately, I am an ambitious advocate for NALA and SCUPA who balances a serious work ethic with a genuine passion for networking and helping others grow.

**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.**

Serving on the NALA Board of Directors is important to me because I am a dedicated and service-oriented paralegal. I graduated with a Major in Paralegal Studies from Greenville Technical College (ABA approved program) in 2014. I obtained my Certified Paralegal (CP) with NALA in 2015, and my Advanced Certified Paralegal (ACP) in e-Discovery in 2021. I was awarded my South Carolina Certified Paralegal (SCCP) in 2016 (one of the first 25 to be awarded the credential in the state.) I was awarded the 2019 NALA Affiliate Award, and the 2020-2022 President's Award with the South Carolina Upstate Paralegal Association. I am currently working on the Continuing Education Council (CEC) for NALA. I am an active member of the South Carolina Upstate Paralegal Association (SCUPA), a NALA affiliate. I have previously served on the Executive Board for SCUPA as President, NALA Liaison, and 2nd VP of Membership. I have also served on the Seminar and Pro Bono Committees for SCUPA.

I have a deep commitment to promoting the paralegal profession. My leadership style is rooted in collaboration rather than dictatorship. I prioritize active listening and encourage diverse perspectives to ensure every project flourishes. Whether I am public speaking with little preparation or mentoring students within the legal community, I am told by my colleagues that I approach every task with charismatic, approachable, and lighthearted energy.

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