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INTO TOMORROW'S LEADERS



Elevate Your Conference Experience in Denver

with

NALA's 2026 Ambassador & Hospitality Team

JOIN US IN DENVER, COLORADO, FROM JULY 16-18

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But First, *Why?*

Professional Development:

Investing in your professional development is crucial for staying competitive in today's fast-paced world. Our conference offers 10.5 CLE hours. Full conference attendees also receive the entire 2026 Conference Recording Bundle with 41 CLE hours free of charge.



Knowledge Sharing:

The conference offers a platform for sharing insights, experiences, and knowledge. Attendees can learn from industry leaders and gain a valuable look into the field's latest trends, innovations, and best practices.



Inspiration and Motivation:

Attending the conference can be incredibly inspiring and motivating. Hearing success stories, learning about new laws and trends, and being surrounded by passionate individuals can reignite your passion for your work and motivate you to tackle new challenges and pursue your goals.



Exposure to New Ideas & Perspectives:

Our conference brings together people from diverse backgrounds and areas of the legal ecosystem, providing attendees with the opportunity to gain exposure to new ideas, perspectives, and approaches. This exposure can spark creativity, foster innovation, and broaden your horizons.





I have decided to go...*now what?*

- Register** online & book your hotel room with the discount.
- Book** your travel and transportation.
- Check out** the 2026 NALA Conference & Expo community on Commons to connect with other attendees.
- Download** the conference app. We will be using Whova this year. An email will be sent to you 1-2 weeks prior to conference with access instructions. The app will be required to track/earn CLE and scan into sessions.
- Show up**, show out, and ENJOY!



Getting to Denver

Getting to Denver takes some coordination, so we are here to help you plan a smooth trip!

Flying to the Conference? Here is what you need to know:

- As of 2025, a REAL ID or other acceptable form of ID, such as a passport, is required for domestic flights. The DHS recommends you apply for a REAL ID at least four weeks before your flight, since TSA will not accept a temporary paper ID. You can only get your REAL ID in person.
- Denver International Airport is about a 45-minute drive from Grand Hyatt Denver. Though the distance between the Denver (DEN) airport and Grand Hyatt Denver is only 25 miles, travel times can vary, especially during peak times.

Here are some tips to help you plan accordingly:

- Schedule your Uber/Lyft in advance
- Download Uber, Lyft, and RTD MyRide apps before you travel
- Decide your transportation option(s) ahead of time
- Allow 45–60 minutes travel time (longer during rush hour)

Do not forget! NALA members receive *exclusive discounts* on select products and services with Avis and Budget through Partnership Perks. To access these perks, you must be logged into your NALA account.

Bus \$

~1.5 hours

NOTE: \$6, requires transfers

Train (A Line) \$

~37-minute ride & a short drive/walk from Union Station

~\$10

Runs every ~20 minutes

Best Budget Option

Train from airport → Union Station
Then to Grand Hyatt Denver

~5–10-minute drive or

~20-minute walk

Rideshare (Uber/ Lyft) \$\$\$

~35–40 minutes

~\$45–\$60 (can surge higher)

Luggage-friendly, less hassle

Shuttle/Shared Ride \$\$

~35–60 minutes

~\$30–\$45

More reasonable than a taxi

NOTE: Slower (multiple stops)

Taxi \$\$\$\$

~30–35 minutes

~\$75–\$95

No app needed, always available, private



Hotel Information

Stay in the heart of downtown Denver. Grand Hyatt Denver puts you in the center of the city, minutes from Union Station, Coors Field, Colorado Convention Center, Michelin-starred restaurants, and shopping centers, including the 16th Street Mall. With a rooftop track and tennis court, indoor pool, 24/7 in-room delivery, and the Pinnacle Club—one of the highest indoor venues in the city—get ready for a memorable experience at Grand Hyatt Denver.

- **Grand Hyatt Denver:** Denver, Colorado
- **Group Rate:** \$259 for single and double rooms
- **Fees** charged on all rooms include state, city, and TID tax. Taxes are subject to change without notice.
- At checkout, under **Special Requests**, you can request a smoking or nonsmoking room. Nonsmoking rooms are guaranteed upon request.
- **Parking**
 - Daily Valet (includes 2 hours of parking / each additional hour is \$5): \$30
 - Overnight Valet: \$67
 - Oversized Vehicles Overnight: \$69
 - Overnight Self-Parking: \$55
- **Cutoff Date:** After June 14, 2026, or if the room block becomes filled, NALA can no longer guarantee rates and availability.
- **The group rate link** will be provided in the conference registration confirmation email.



Altitude Sickness

If you are not used to higher elevations, be mindful of **altitude sickness**. It can affect anyone, regardless of gender, age, or health. Symptoms like headaches, fatigue, dizziness, and shortness of breath can sneak up quickly, especially if you are coming from a lower elevation. To stay ahead of it, start hydrating before you arrive, take it easy the first day, limit alcohol, and prioritize rest. If possible, arrive a day early to acclimate. A little preparation can help minimize or prevent symptoms so you can focus on maximizing your time in Denver.

Packing Tips

- We want our attendees to be comfortable during their time at the conference, so we generally recommend business casual attire.
- The meeting rooms can be chilly, so we suggest dressing in layers and bringing a light sweater and comfy shoes.
- Denver has an average high of 88°F and an average low of 56°F in July.
- Bring lip balm, lotion, and hydration packets.



Getting Around Denver

Take advantage of Denver's many public transportation options, including the RTD bus and light rail system and the 16th Street **FreeRide** on Denver's 16th Street pedestrian promenade, to get wherever you need to go.

You will also find plenty of private operators offering all sorts of transportation options, from buses and coaches to pedicabs.



Culinary Delights



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Earls — **Cuisine:** Global/American | **Location:** 1600 Glenarm Place, Ste. 140 | **Walking Distance:** 6 minutes | **Driving Distance:** 2 minutes | **Business Hours:** Mon–Thu: 11 am–11 pm, Fri: 11 am–12 am, Sat: 10 am–12 pm, Sun: 10 am–11 pm | **Happy Hour:** Yes | **Reservations:** Recommended in the evening

Guard and Grace — **Cuisine:** Steakhouse & Seafood | **Location:** 1801 California St | **Walking Distance:** 3 minutes | **Driving Distance:** 1 minute | **Business Hours:** Mon, Fri–Sun: 4 pm–10 pm, Tue–Thu: 11 am–10 pm | **Happy Hour:** Yes | **Reservations:** Recommended for dinner

Panzano — **Cuisine:** Italian | **Location:** 909 17th St. | **Walking Distance:** 7 minutes | **Driving Distance:** 2 minutes | **Business Hours:** Mon–Fri: 7 am–9 pm, Sat: 8 am–9 pm, Sun: Closed | **Happy Hour:** Yes | **Reservations:** Recommended

Rioja — **Cuisine:** Mediterranean & Spanish | **Location:** 1431 Larimer St. | **Walking Distance:** 10 minutes | **Driving Distance:** 3 minutes | **Business Hours:** Mon–Thu: 11:30 am–9 pm, Fri: 11:30 am–10 pm, Sat: 10 am–10 pm, Sun: 10 am–9 pm | **Happy Hour:** Yes | **Reservations:** Recommended

Tamayo — **Cuisine:** Mexican | **Location:** 1400 Larimer St. | **Walking Distance:** 9 minutes | **Driving Distance:** 3 minutes | **Business Hours:** Mon–Thu: 11:30 am–10 pm, Fri–Sat: 11:30 am–11 pm, Sun: 10:30 am–9 pm | **Happy Hour:** Yes | **Reservations:** Recommended

Urban Farmer Denver — **Cuisine:** Steakhouse | **Location:** 1659 Wazee St. | **Walking Distance:** 10 minutes | **Driving Distance:** 3 minutes | **Business Hours:** Mon–Fri: 4 pm–10 pm, Sat: 9 am–10 pm, Sun: 9 am–9 pm | **Happy Hour:** Yes | **Reservations:** Recommended

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ChoLon Modern Asian — **Cuisine:** Asian | **Location:** 1555 Blake St., Ste. 101 | **Walking Distance:** 12 minutes | **Driving Distance:** 4 minutes | **Business Hours:** Mon–Thu: 4:30 pm-9:30 pm, Fri–Sat: 4:30 pm-10 pm, Sun: Closed | **Happy Hour:** Yes | **Reservations:** Recommended

Corinne Denver — **Cuisine:** American & Contemporary | **Location:** 1455 California St | **Walking Distance:** 8 minutes | **Driving Distance:** 3 minutes | **Business Hours:** Mon–Wed: 6:30 am-10 pm, Thu–Fri: 6:30 am-11 pm, Sat: 7 am-11 pm, Sun: 7 am-10 pm | **Happy Hour:** Yes | **Reservations:** Recommended for dinner

Savina’s Mexican Kitchen — **Cuisine:** Mexican | **Location:** 1801 Broadway Unit 116 | **Walking Distance:** 9 minutes | **Driving Distance:** 3 minutes | **Business Hours:** Mon–Thu, Sun: 11 am – 9 pm, Fri–Sat: 11 am-10 pm | **Reservations:** Recommended particularly for large groups

Stout Street Social — **Cuisine:** American & Bar & Grill | **Location:** 1400 Stout St. | **Walking Distance:** 7 minutes | **Driving Distance:** 2 minutes | **Business Hours:** Mon–Wed: 11 am-11 pm, Thu–Sat: 11 am-12 am, Sun: 11 am-11 pm | **Happy Hour:** Yes

West Saloon & Kitchen — **Cuisine:** Western & American | **Location:** 501 16th St Mall | **Walking Distance:** 8 minutes | **Driving Distance:** 3 minutes | **Business Hours:** Mon–Thu, Sun: 11 am-10 pm, Fri–Sat: 11 am-12 am | **Happy Hour:** Yes

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Pony Up — **Cuisine:** Sandwiches & Bar | **Location:** 1808 Blake St. | **Walking Distance:** 9 minutes | **Driving Distance:** 3 minutes | **Business Hours:** Mon–Thu: 11 am-12 am, Fri–Sat: 11 am-1 am, Sun: 11 am-10 pm | **Happy Hour:** Yes
Reservations: Not required

Sam's No. 3 Downtown — **Cuisine:** American Diner | **Location:** 1500 Curtis St. | **Walking Distance:** 8 minutes | **Driving Distance:** 3 minutes | **Business Hours:** Sun–Sat: 7 am-10 pm | **Happy Hour:** No | **Reservations:** Not required



Things To Do in Denver

- **Denver Botanic Gardens:** A 23-acre public garden with a conservatory, a variety of theme gardens, and a sunken amphitheater for summer concerts
- **Denver Art Museum:** An art museum near Civic Center and one of the largest art museums on the West Coast
- **Denver Museum of Nature & Science:** With immersive exhibitions, a giant-screen theater, and a planetarium
- **Denver Zoo:** An 80-acre nonprofit zoological garden and conservation area in City Park
- **Molly Brown House & Museum:** The home of Margaret Brown, an American philanthropist, activist, and socialite who survived the sinking of the Titanic
- **Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum:** A museum preserving the history of the Lowry Air Force Base
- **Downtown Aquarium:** A state-of-the-art aquarium with over 500 species
- **16th Street Mall:** Stores and restaurants, with a free shuttle
- **Colorado State Capitol:** An exterior step marks exactly one mile above sea level
- **History Colorado Center:** A museum dedicated to the history of the state of Colorado
- **Museum of Illusions:** A collection of interactive exhibits and optical illusions
- **Forney Museum of Transportation:** A transportation museum with a one-of-a-kind collection of over 800 artifacts relating to historical transportation
- **River North (RiNo) Arts District:** An arts district with creative businesses, colorful murals, craft distillers, brewers, winemakers, and coffee roasters
- **MeowWolf:** Full of large-scale, immersive, and interactive art installations designed to transport visitors into fantastical, dreamlike worlds



Day One Guide:

- ❑ **Download the Whova Conference App.** Instructions to access the app will be emailed to you 1-2 weeks prior to conference. It is required to track/earn your CLE and access certain areas.
- ❑ **Registration** will open on Thursday at 7:00 am.
- ❑ After picking up your **conference badge and swag**, do not forget to visit the **ribbon table** for fun badge identifiers and conversation starters.
- ❑ Once you have your ribbons, head over to the **Expo Hall**, where we will be kicking things off at the **Breakfast Elevation Summit** with our exhibitors.
- ❑ Be sure to visit the **Ambassador & Hospitality Team table** if you have questions about conference or the Denver area.
- ❑ **HAVE FUN!**

Sip & Shop

Explore a curated selection of unique offerings, enjoy a refreshing drink, and connect with fellow attendees. This is the perfect opportunity to pick up souvenirs, mementos, and handcrafted treasures without having to leave the hotel. Swing by to unwind and browse before the conference comes to an end.

- **Sip & Shop** takes place on **Saturday, July 18, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.** Vendor set up is from 9:00 am to 10:00 am.
- Are you an attendee with a side hustle? **Full conference attendees can reserve a booth at no charge.** Others pay a \$150 booth fee.
- **Time slots are available.** You do not need to have your booth open all day. We understand there is a lot going on, and you may not be able to operate your booth all day.
- If you are interested, **fill out the form** on our website.





Sunday Add-Ons

Stay a little longer, dive a little deeper, and leave the conference with even more tools to support your success. Join us for one of two engaging morning sessions designed to give you practical insights you can put to work right away.

Sunday, July 19, 2026 | 7:30 am to 12:30 pm | Light breakfast provided

Building Stronger Affiliated Associations

Strong leadership is the foundation for success. This targeted session is designed for current and emerging affiliate leaders. Explore practical strategies for strengthening governance, growing membership, developing future leaders, and building sustainable, high-performing boards.

\$150 for conference attendees. If you are not attending conference but would like to come to this session, please reach out to affiliates@nala.org.

Technology & the Modern Paralegal: Essential Skills for an Evolving Profession

Stay current in today's evolving digital landscape with this session on technology for paralegals. Explore practical technology tools, ethical considerations, and strategic insights for modern legal practice. Engage with relevant tips and tools to support your technological literacy.

\$129 for conference attendees | \$199 for others

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