



# J.L. TURNER LEGAL ASSOCIATION

## PARALEGAL SECTION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

COMPLETE APPLICATION AND RETURN IT, WITH YOUR PAYMENT MADE PAYABLE TO J.L. TURNER LEGAL ASSOCIATION, TO THE PARALEGAL SECTION TREASURER OR DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP IN PERSON OR VIA EMAIL @ [JLTLAPARALEGALMEMBERSHIP@GMAIL.COM](mailto:JLTLAPARALEGALMEMBERSHIP@GMAIL.COM).

### **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON THE J.L. TURNER LEGAL ASSOCIATION PARALEGAL SECTION'S MEMBERSHIP CARD AND MAILING ROSTER:

CHECK IF:  NEW MEMBER  RENEWAL ORIGINAL - YEAR JOINED: \_\_\_\_\_

MS./MRS./MR.: \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

EMPLOYER/FIRM: \_\_\_\_\_

WORK ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

WORK PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

PREFERRED E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: MONTH: \_\_\_\_\_ DAY: \_\_\_\_\_ ANNIVERSARY: \_\_\_\_\_

**The J. L. Turner Legal Association - Paralegal Section ("the JLTLA Paralegal Section") membership year is January 1<sup>st</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Current Dues: Active Member - \$30.00; Associate & Sustaining Member - \$30.00; Students - \$10.00**

The JLTLA Paralegal Section dues are not deductible as a charitable contribution for federal tax purposes, but depending on your individual circumstances may be deductible as a business expense.

### **MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

*Type of Membership:*  Active Member (1)  Associate Member (2)  Sustaining Member (3)  Student (4)

Your Area(s) of Emphasis (check all that are applicable):  Taxation  Probate  Criminal Law

Family Law  Public Law  Civil Rights  Personal Injury  Corporate/Business

Commercial Litigation  Other \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby apply for membership in the Paralegal Section of the J.L. Turner Legal Association. I hereby certify that I am employed as a paralegal or paralegal coordinator and that I work under the direct supervision of a duly licensed attorney at all times, and that I qualify as a member under the category(s) checked above. I hereby give consent to J.L. Turner to contact my present and/or former supervising attorney(s), education programs and/or credentialing bodies for verification or clarification of my qualifications for membership, and I understand that if any information submitted in this application is false, it will be grounds for denial of my application. I have read the "definition of a paralegal" as herein stated, and I have read the NALA Code of Ethics and Professional Responsibility.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Paralegal's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Attorney: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print or type name (use one primary attorney only)

Bar Card No.: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax#: \_\_\_\_\_

Attorney's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Referred by: \_\_\_\_\_

**J.L. TURNER LEGAL ASSOCIATION**  
**PARALEGAL SECTION MEMBERSHIP**

**SECTION 1. CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

The Paralegal Section is open to all.

- (A) **Active Member:** A person eligible for voting membership shall be a person employed as a paralegal under the direction or supervision of a licensed, practicing attorney or a person who contracts with a lawyer, law office, governmental agency or other entity to perform substantive legal work; and:
- (1) Who has obtained a four-year degree in paralegal studies from an institutionally accredited college or university; or
  - (2) Who has obtained a four-year degree from an institutionally accredited college or university and paralegal certificate from an ABA-approved program; or
  - (3) Who has obtained a four-year degree and paralegal certificate from an institutionally accredited college or university or other post-secondary school; or
  - (4) Who has obtained a four-year degree from an institutionally accredited college or university and has at least one (1) year of experience as a paralegal; or
  - (5) Who has successfully obtained an associate degree in paralegal studies from an institutionally accredited college or university and has at least two (2) years of experience as a paralegal; or
  - (6) Who has obtained an associate degree from an institutionally accredited college or university and has at least five (5) years of experience as a paralegal; or
  - (7) Who has successfully completed one of the Texas Board of Legal Specialization ("TBLS") examinations, has valid proof of board certification and has one (1) subsequent year of experience as a paralegal; or
  - (8) Who has successfully completed the Certified Paralegal ("CLA") examination, has valid proof of such certification and has at least three (3) years of subsequent experience as a paralegal; or
  - (9) Who has successfully completed the PACE voluntary certification given by the NFPA and who has been employed full time as a paralegal for at least one (1) year or has been employed part-time as a paralegal for at least two (2) years; or
  - (10) Who has at least 10 years of experience as a full or part-time paralegal.
- (B) **Associate Member:** An associate member in good standing may fully participate in the affairs of the Paralegal Section, but shall not have the right to vote, hold any office or serve as officer/director, section chair or chairman of a committee. A person qualifies as an associate member if:

- (1) the person has met the requirements of one or more of the requirements under subparagraph (A), above, but who is not currently employed as a paralegal or who has not met the educational requirements; or
  - (2) the person is presently employed as a coordinator, supervisor, or instructor of the paralegal program within a firm, company or agency; or
  - (3) the person otherwise meets the criteria for active membership under subparagraph (A), but does not wish to maintain the required 10 hours of CLE; or
  - (4) the person is not employed full-time as a paralegal but has achieved certification by NALA, NFPA or the TBLS; or
  - (5) the person is currently employed by an ABA approved program providing education and training for paralegals.
- (C) ***Sustaining Member:*** Sustaining members shall not be entitled to vote on matters which require the vote of the members of the Paralegal Section and shall not have the right to make motions or hold office.
- (1) An organization qualifies as a Sustaining Member if it is a corporation, agency, law firm, paralegal education agency, paralegal program, or institution of higher learning that supports, through education, funding or otherwise, the JLTLA; or
  - (2) A person qualifies as a Sustaining Member if the person is a member of a bar association that endorses the paralegal concept or is involved in the advancement of the paralegal profession.
- (D) ***Honorary Member:*** A person who endorses the paralegal concept or is actively involved in the promotion of the paralegal profession. Approval for membership is subject to a majority vote of the Board of Directors of the Paralegal Section. Honorary members shall not be entitled to vote on matters which require the vote of the membership and shall not have the right to make motions or hold office.
- (E) ***Student Member:*** Student members shall not be entitled to vote on matters that require the vote of the membership and shall not have the right to make motions or hold office. A person who meets at least one (1) of the following requirements may become a student member if:
- (1) the person is currently enrolled in a paralegal program in which the applicant will earn an Associate's Degree, and the Program consists of a minimum of 60 semester hours of which 15 are substantive legal courses; or
  - (2) the person is currently enrolled in a paralegal program that consists of 15 semester hours of substantive legal courses.



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## PARALEGAL SECTION

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### STUDENT ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION FORM

(TO BE COMPLETED/VERIFIED BY SCHOOL PERSONNEL)

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PLEASE HAVE STUDENT'S VERIFICATION COMPLETED AND RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR COMPLETED JLTLA PARALEGAL SECTION APPLICATION.

This is to verify that \_\_\_\_\_ is a student in good  
(Student's name)

standing in the \_\_\_\_\_ program at  
(Name of program)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of school)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of School Administrator/Program Director)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_