MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

The Philadelphia Chapter of the Association of Legal Administrators (ALA) consists of 200 members throughout the greater Delaware Valley area and is comprised of legal administrators from private law firms, corporate and university legal departments, and other businesses primarily engaged in the practice of law.

Membership in the Philadelphia Chapter offers opportunities for:

- Knowledge sharing and networking
- Professional development
- Professional recognition

Instant Access to Other Law Firm Managers

Philadelphia ALA members have instant access to other members through our chapter listserv. Our listserv is a favorite resource of members as it provides an immediate opportunity to post a question, ask advice, and to see what other firms are doing.

Education Opportunities

The Chapter offers at least 15 educational opportunities for our members each year through our Philadelphia Peer to Peer Series and Section Meetings. Educational planning is focused on a variety of law firm management issues and hot topics, and is structured to cover the essential competencies needed by all law firm administrators. The Chapter also offers ALA Webinars to its members on various relevant topics.

Scholarships

The Philadelphia Chapter awards numerous scholarships to the ALA Annual Conference and the ALA Business of Law Conference each year. Scholarships are generally provided on a lottery basis, in order to provide further educational and networking opportunities for the recipients.

Business Partner Relationships

The right products and services are key to successful legal administration. The Chapter promotes positive relationships with our business partners. Without their support many of the programs provided to members would not be possible. Our current Business Partner Sponsorship Program allows vendors to support the Chapter at various levels and in turn participate in select Chapter events. Business Partner participation provides members with the opportunity to learn about the products and services that can help them accomplish their goals. The Chapter also hosts an annual “Meet & Greet” (Legal Expo) where more than 50 Business Partners participate. At the Meet & Greet, our Members and their colleagues network with our Business Partners in a relaxing venue and find solutions to challenging problems.
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Networking Opportunities

The Chapter offers numerous opportunities to network with other members. To accommodate all schedules, the Philadelphia ALA offers several events during the day as well as several socials that occur in the evening. All of our events provide opportunities to mix and mingle with your peers and make worthwhile connections. Business Partners are often invited to our events and provide additional value.

Online Resources and Publications

www.phila-ala.org/

With the click of a mouse members can obtain any and all information they need about the Chapter or ALA at the Chapter’s web site, philala.org/. Among its many resources, users can check the calendar of events (ALA and Chapter), register for meetings, join the listserv, access copies of the Minutes of the Board of Directors and obtain member contact information in the Member Directory as well as the listing of our Business Partner Partners and their contact information.

Newsletters

The Chapter publishes a regular bi-weekly communication. It includes news from the Chapter President, news from the Board, articles on Chapter events and calendar information on upcoming events.

Salary & Benefits Survey

The Chapter works with the ALA to prepare and distribute their Annual Salary and Benefits Survey. The survey is an invaluable tool for members to use for local and national market information.

Community Service

The Chapter supports and encourages community service. We participate in the ALA’s Annual Community Challenge. Additionally, the Chapter proudly supports and participates in locally-based charitable fundraisers and interactive events.

Interest in Joining?

To become a member of the Philadelphia Chapter, one must be a member in good standing with the International Association of Legal Administrators. Visit us at www.phila-ala.org/. For more information on the Association of Legal Administrators, visit: www.alanet.org.