



SUNCOAST CHAPTER Association of Legal Administrators

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Welcome to the most resourceful organization for legal professionals! The Association of Legal Administrators was formed over 30 years ago to enhance the education of legal managers and promote the profession of legal administrators and functional specialists all over the world.

In 1981, a small group of local administrators formed the Suncoast Chapter ALA when the Chapter Charter was presented by Attorney Charlie Robinson at an inaugural meeting at a restaurant on Treasure Island, Florida. One of the early functions of the new Chapter was hosting the first Managing Partners Dinner in 1983 where Brad Hildebrandt, the original founder of the Association of Legal Administrators, was the guest speaker. Presently Suncoast Chapter serves over 100 members that include a diverse group of managers and decision makers from the tri-county area of Hillsborough, Pinellas and Polk counties.

The goals of the Association are to provide personal and professional growth. At the local level the Chapter offers a wonderful networking opportunity for all members through an Internet Listserv that has become a great resource for instantaneous feedback regarding any problems or issues an administrator may face on a day-to-day basis. The Chapter produces a quarterly newsletter offering a wealth of information including upcoming events, relevant information on human resources, information systems and technology, leadership, marketing, finance and motivation, as well as contact information for our local business partners. We also offer an annual educational conference developed by a committee of peers, Chapter lunch meetings, and hosted webinars. We encourage all members to utilize resources at the ALA regional and national levels by visiting the website www.alanet.org to explore the many benefits offered to legal administrators and functional specialists throughout the world.

I want to thank you for visiting our website and for your interest in our Association. I encourage you to explore our newly designed website and join us in the enthusiasm and professionalism portrayed by our members and your colleagues. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Association of Legal Administrators and the Suncoast Chapter, please visit our Online Membership Application. Business partners who are interested in developing a relationship with our Association may visit the Sponsors Section of our website.

Of course, if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me or any of the other Chapter Members.

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