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**LDA Roundtable Discussion:
Helping Your Clients Be the Best Lawyers They Can Be
Tips to Enhance Your LDA Practice and Successfully
Carve Out Your Niche as the Go-To Resource for Do-It-Yourselfers**

SAN DIEGO, CA—July 28, 2009: The California State Bar’s 82nd Annual Meeting, on September 10-13 in San Diego, offers a wealth of educational, informational and networking opportunities for the entire legal community – lawyers, paralegals and legal document assistants (LDAs), alike. To make the most of this event, the Alliance of Legal Document Assistant Professionals (ALDAP) is hosting another crowd-pleasing LDA Roundtable discussion on Friday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m. in San Diego.

The Bar’s daytime MCLE sessions covering new developments in the law, legal technology, and guidance for solo attorneys (handily lending itself to the solo LDA juggling the demands of entrepreneurship while keeping abreast of changes in legal forms and procedures) will seamlessly transition into a lively LDA discussion of *Helping Your Clients be the Best Lawyers They Can Be: Tips to Enhance Your LDA Practice and Successfully Carve Out Your Niche as the Go-To Resource for Do-It-Yourselfers*.

Rarely does the typical LDA client need assistance solely with legal form preparation. They often have a host of questions about both substantive and procedural law. This LDA Roundtable discussion will help you take your LDA practice to the next level by sharing the tools and techniques necessary to turn your document preparation business into a comprehensive self-help legal service.

Professional integrity or client satisfaction? Why should you have to choose one over the other? Learn how to put your paralegal skills to work, providing your clients with exceptional informational and educational services in addition to the mere typing of legal documents. Streamline your practice and boost your own personal efficiency. Increase your revenue by raising prices for enhanced self-help legal services. And best of all, avoid those awkward moments when the client asks (or insists) that you provide legal advice.

You can do all of this – and more – while simultaneously *guaranteeing* you remain in compliance with all laws governing non-attorney legal service providers. In fact, many of these tools will actually insulate you from even the *appearance* of giving legal advice, and implementing these practices will help to support a defense should anyone ever question whether you are engaged in the unauthorized practice of law (UPL).



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Attendance at the Bar events is not required to participate in ALDAP's LDA Roundtable. Even if you are not attending the daytime MCLE events, you won't want to miss this opportunity to establish yourself as an experienced professional on the cutting edge of the self-help legal movement. There is no charge to attend the LDA Roundtable, just pay for your own dinner and drinks. The Roundtable will take place at El Torito located at 445 Camino Del Rio South in San Diego's Mission Valley. Seating is limited, so be sure to RSVP as soon as possible. For more information or to RSVP, contact Suzanne Ervine at VicePresident@aldap.org or (619) 567-5176.

The Alliance of Legal Document Assistant Professionals is a California non-profit, mutual benefit corporation serving registered Legal Document Assistants and freelance paralegal/LDA dual-professionals. ALDAP's mission is to promote the integrity of the LDA profession, generate awareness about non-attorney legal service providers, protect the public by educating consumers about self-representation and the unauthorized practice of law, promoting professional responsibility, and integrating LDA services with the legal community and the general public. For more information, visit <http://www.aldap.org>.

ALDAP created the LDA Roundtable as a forum to discuss topics related to the LDA and contract paralegal professions, and to enable self-help legal service professionals to get the answers they need and share their knowledge in a pleasant environment.

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