Paralegal Membership Categories

To be eligible for affiliation as a regular member in the Paralegal Division of the North Carolina Bar Association, you must have satisfied one of the following requirements PLUS one year of employment experience as a paralegal as defined by the North Carolina Bar Association under the direct supervision of a duly licensed attorney:

- A | Successful completion of the voluntary certification examination given by the National Association of Legal Assistants, Inc.;
- B | A Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science or higher degree from a state or nationally accredited four-year institution of higher education;
- C | Successful completion of an ABA-accredited program of education and training for paralegals;
- D | Successful completion of a paralegals’ program sponsored by a community college or other institution offering a post-secondary degree that consists of not less than 18 semester hours of substantive legal courses and 60 semester hours of general post-secondary courses of education;
- E | Achievement of the North Carolina Certified Paralegal (“NCCP”) designation offered by the North Carolina State Bar;

OR

- F | A minimum of three consecutive years of employment experience as a paralegal as defined by the North Carolina Bar Association under the direct supervision of a duly licensed attorney.

Paralegal Provisional Membership Categories | Provisional Member paralegals are primarily those who are currently unemployed or have been recently employed (less than one year of experience). Provisional membership is extended to paralegals who have been employed for less than one year under the direct supervision of a duly licensed attorney and meet one of the following:

- A | Successful completion of the voluntary certification examination given by the National Association of Legal Assistants, Inc.;
- B | A Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science or higher degree from a state or nationally accredited four-year institution of higher education;
- C | Successful completion of an ABA-accredited program of education and training for paralegals;
- D | Successful completion of a paralegals’ program sponsored by a community college or other institution offering a post-secondary degree that consists of not less than 18 semester hours of substantive legal courses and 60 semester hours of general post-secondary courses of education;

OR, if you are currently seeking employment, you may join as a Provisional Member per the following:

- E | Achievement of the North Carolina Certified Paralegal (“NCCP”) designation offered by the North Carolina State Bar AND inability to qualify for Regular Membership; OR, you are eligible for a Provisional Paralegal Membership if you meet the following requirement:

- F | Are currently employed but have less than three years of employment experience as a paralegal