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The National Association of Legal Assistants, Inc., (NALA) and the Middle Tennessee Paralegal Association (MTPA) is pleased to announce that Laurie Vairetta has successfully completed the two-day Certified Legal Assistant examination and is now entitled to use of the "CLA" professional credential. Laurie Vairetta is among 206 legal assistants in the State of Tennessee and 11,801 legal assistants nationwide who have attained this goal. Laurie Vairetta is employed as a Paralegal for attorney Phil Anderson of Anderson and Rankin in Brentwood, Tennessee and is a member of the Middle Tennessee Paralegal Association.

The Certified Legal Assistant (CLA) examination program is a voluntary professional credentialing program developed by the National Association of Legal Assistants and administered by a board composed of legal assistants, members of the American Bar Association and members of the field of education active in legal assistant training. The CLA program involves successful completion of a two-day comprehensive examination covering the topics of communications; legal research; ethics; human relations and interviewing techniques; legal terminology; judgment and analytical ability and substantive law. Evidence of continuing legal education must be submitted periodically in order to maintain certified status.

MTPA is a professional organization comprised primarily of paralegals and paralegal students in the Middle Tennessee area. The purpose of MTPA is to further education among members of the paralegal profession; to advance, foster and promote the paralegal profession; to encourage a high order of ethical and professional attainment; to provide service to the community and to establish good fellowship among members of the paralegal profession in Nashville, Tennessee and its surrounding areas. For more information, please visit our website at [www.mtpaonline.com](http://www.mtpaonline.com).

The National Association of Legal Assistants, headquartered in Tulsa, Oklahoma, is a national, non-profit association, which represents over 19,000 paralegal through individual members, and 90 affiliated state and local associations. For more information, please visit the website at [www.nala.org](http://www.nala.org)