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## About NAALJ

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## **ABOUT NAALJ**

**For those who have recently joined NAALJ, or who may be thinking of joining, we include this brief description of our association.**

The National Association of Administrative Law Judges is a nonprofit, professional organization dedicated to improving administrative adjudication. Voting members include: federal, local, and state administrative law judges, hearing officers, referees, trial examiners and commissioners, and members of higher appellate authorities, exercising a wide variety of subject matter jurisdiction. Associate members include: law professors and attorneys involved in administrative law.

Established in 1974 with members in every state, Canada, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and Australia. The Illinois Association of Administrative Law Judges, the Louisiana Association of Administrative Law Judges, the Maryland Association of Administrative Adjudicators, the Oregon Administrative Law Judges Association; and the Virginia Association of Administrative Law Judges and Hearings Officers are its largest affiliated state chapters.

NAALJ strives to enhance the quality of administrative justice, and to improve the process of dispute resolution. It provides for exchanging ideas and information, conducts seminars and conferences, publishes a journal and a newsletter, and confers with officials of the state and federal governments on methods of improving administrative adjudication. It has adopted a Model Code of Conduct for State Administrative Law Judges XIV J.NAALJ 279 (1994) and a Model State Act Creating a State Central Hearing Agency XVI J.NAALJ 121 (1996).

The National Administrative Law Foundation, incorporated by NAALJ in 1980, is expressly devoted to the public interest. It provides two scholarships annually to the National Judicial College, sponsors an annual Fellowship to encourage scholarship in improving administrative adjudication, and supports other educational efforts to further professionalize the administrative judiciary.

Membership in NAALJ is open to persons employed by government agencies who preside over statutory fact-finding hearings or appellate proceedings arising before public agencies, and who prepare decisions for a higher tribunal. Other persons interested in administrative law are eligible for associate membership.

National dues for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 are \$35 for all members. To apply for membership in NAALJ, complete the Membership Application and mail it to NAALJ, 541 N. Fairbanks, Chicago, Illinois 60611-3314.