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The National Association of Administrative Law Judges, formerly known as the National Association of Administrative Hearing Officers (NAAHO), is a non-profit, professional organization dedicated to the improvement of the administrative hearing process. It is comprised of state, federal, county and municipal administrative law judges, hearing officers, referees, trial examiners and commissioners, and members of higher appellate authorities, exercising a wide variety of subject matter jurisdiction.

NAALJ was established in 1974; it now has members in every state, Canada, the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. The New York State Administrative Law Judges Association, the California Administrative Law Judges Association and the Illinois Association of Administrative Law Judges are among its largest affiliated local chapters.

NAALJ strives to enhance the quality of administrative justice, and to improve the process of dispute resolution. It serves as a forum for the exchange of ideas and information, conducts periodic seminars and training conferences, publishes a journal, and confers with officials of the state and federal governments on methods of improving administrative adjudication. The National Administrative Law Foundation, incorporated by NAALJ in 1980, is expressly devoted to the public interest.

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