

In recognition of the need for one clear definition of a paralegal, in July of 2001, the NALA membership approved a resolution to adopt the definition of the American Bar Association. The ABA definition is as follows:

“A legal assistant or paralegal is a person qualified by education, training, or work experience who is employed or retained by a lawyer, law office, corporation, government agency or other entity who performs specifically delegated substantive legal work for which a lawyer is responsible. (Adopted by the ABA in 1997.)”