

October 10-14, 2011 is National Legal Secretaries' Court Observance Week

NALS' 2011 Theme: LEST WE FORGET

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Our vast and complex system of justice cannot function without the skill and dedication of our Nation's legal secretaries. Without these unsung heroes of the legal process, the wheels of justice would grind to a permanent halt. They deserve the praise, gratitude and respect not only of their employers but of the system which they serve so well.

President Gerald R. Ford, 1974

When President Gerald Ford made his National Legal Secretaries' Court Observance Week proclamation in 1974, he established the basis for a tradition of recognizing the skill and dedication of our nation's legal secretaries and the value of their contribution to the system we serve. That tradition has continued for 37 years, and this year's theme – LEST WE FORGET – is intended to be a reminder not only of the tradition of recognizing legal professionals but also to remind us that we should take time to honor others whose dedication and sacrifice made a lasting impact on our everyday lives.

2011 is the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 offenses. The theme LEST WE FORGET serves as a reminder of the justice system which touches so many persons in a variety of ways, particularly after the events of 9/11. NALS encourages every legal professional during the month of October to participate in an event honoring the memory of those lost on September 11, 2011.

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