**Duties of the Board**

- Duty to train the next generation
- Duty to represent the needs of the members
- Duty to excellence and quality in all areas
- Duty of loyalty to fellow board members
- Duty of foresight

**Future focus:** With financial stability as a baseline, the NALS Board discussed three main areas of strategic focus. (see sidebar)

**Brand Consistency:** Clarity around who NALS is and who NALS serves involves understanding the needs of the members as well as educating the legal community on NALS members as a key part of a successful organization.

**Volunteer Involvement:** Direct the passion and expertise of NALS members to move the strategic focus areas forward through meaningful and impactful volunteer involvement in committees and task forces.

**Certification:** Build awareness of NALS certifications and rigor of exams among employers and legal professionals. Celebrate the accomplishment of credential holders and support chapters with resources.

**Membership:** Provide resources for chapter management and growth while supporting the education and networking needs of individual members.

**What’s Next:** The Board will continue board training and strategic planning with finalizing focus areas and actions to support these goals.

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**Reviewed the Duties of the Board:** Establish a foundation of common understanding among leadership. These board orientation tools will be made available to chapters with a train-the-trainer session for presidents to orient their boards.

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**Strategic Focus**

- Improve Trust
- Provide Quality Education
- Brand Consistency

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**NALS Board Retreat**

*The members of the 2020-2021 NALS Board met virtually for a retreat focused on the future of the organization.*