

**WICHITA AREA CHAPTER  
ASSOCIATION OF LEGAL ADMINISTRATORS**

**CHAPTER HISTORY**

The Wichita Area Chapter of Legal Administrators was born in 1981, when a small group of administrators began meeting regularly at the Wichita Club for unstructured roundtable discussions on issues and problems. Among those early participants were Teri Harpool, Pat Nieman, Dana Gsell (then Tjaden), Eileen Langston (then Newton), Wayne Isaac and (now Judge) Warren Wilbert.

In 1986 the first officers were elected, and in February 1987 Wichita became the first chapter in Kansas to receive Charter Affiliation with the international Association of Legal Administrators.

**CHARTER ALA BOARD MEMBERS**

Teri Harpool, President  
Dana Tjaden, President-Elect  
Eileen Newton, Secretary  
Pat Nieman, Treasurer  
Mary Hartung, Nominating Chair

**LIFE MEMBERS**

Eileen Langston (Awarded 3/26/99)  
Teri Harpool (Awarded 6/30/01)

**PAST PRESIDENTS**

1986-87 Teri Harpool, Martin, Pringle, Oliver, Wallace & Swartz  
1987-88 Dana Tjaden, Hershberger, Patterson, Jones & Roth  
1988-89 Dana Gsell, Hershberger, Patterson, Jones & Roth  
1989-90 Eileen Newton, Rent-A-Center  
1990-91 Laura Norman, Foulston & Siefkin  
1991-92 Clela Rorex, Kahrs, Nelson, Fanning, Hite & Kellogg  
1992-93 Lynn Bever, Hershberger, Patterson, Jones & Roth  
1993-94 Pamela Downs, Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch  
1994-95 Cindy Ratzloff, Kahrs, Nelson, Fanning, Hite & Kellogg  
1995-96 Sarah Andrews, Koch Industries, Inc.  
1996-97 Teri Harpool, Martin, Pringle, Oliver, Wallace & Swartz  
1997-98 Kim Heese, Klenda, Mitchell, Austerman & Zuercher

1998-99 Cindy Ahonen, Stinson, Lasswell & Wilson  
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 2000-01 Jackie Barnes, Hutton & Hutton  
 2001-02 Janie Jacobs, Morris, Laing, Evans, Brock & Kennedy  
 2002-03 Teresa Wolfe, Klenda, Mitchell, Austerman & Zuercher  
 2003-04 Janice Friedman, Hite, Fanning & Honeyman  
 2004-05 Mary Ellen Kraus, McDonald, Tinker, Skaer, Quinn & Herrington  
 2005-06 Jana Waltman, Gilliland & Hayes  
 2006-07 DeAnna Williams, Hinkle Elkouri Law Firm  
 2007-08 Cindy Hague, Foulston Siefkin  
 2008-09 Cindy Rush, Bever Dye, LC  
 2009-10 Jana Waltman, Gilliland & Hayes

### ALA AWARDS HISTORY

1996	Bronze	President's Award of Excellence
1997	Bronze First	President's Award of Excellence Bar Relations
1998	Gold	President's Award of Excellence
1999	Gold Honorable Mention Honorable Mention Honorable Mention	President's Award of Excellence Bar Relations Community Service Excellence in Education
2000	Silver	President's Award of Excellence
2001	Gold First Second Honorable Mention Special Recognition	President's Award of Excellence Community Service Bar Relations Best Feature Article Honorable Mention Vendor Partnering Achievements in Diversity
2002	Silver Honorable Mention Honorable Mention	President's Award of Excellence Community Service Recruitment & Orientation
2004	Silver Honorable Mention Honorable Mention	President's Award of Excellence Community Service Vendor Partnering
2005	Silver	President's Award of Excellence

2006	Platinum First Second Third First	President's Award of Excellence Activating Volunteers (small chapters) Bar Relations (small chapters) Community Service (small chapters) Vendor Partnering (small chapters)
2007	Platinum First First First	President's Award of Excellence Chapter Web Sites (small chapters) Newsletter Excellence (small chapters) Visibility - PLMW (small chapters)
2008	Gold	President's Award of Excellence
2009	Platinum	President's Award of Excellence