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**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Annual CALDA Conference**  
*“The State of the Legal Document Assistant: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow”*

SACRAMENTO, Calif----The California Association of Legal Document Assistants (CALDA) will be holding its 20<sup>th</sup> annual membership conference on September 14 to September 16 at the Sacramento Convention Center, 1400 J Street.

This year’s conference theme, *“The State of the Legal Document Assistant: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow”* will focus on increasing public awareness of the Legal Document Assistant (LDA) profession, providing continuing educational legal education, as well as briefings on CALDA’s ongoing advocacy efforts to revise the California legal system as it relates to LDAs.

**About CALDA**

The California Association of Legal Document Assistants (CALDA, formerly known as the California Association of Independent Paralegals) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote the use of Legal Document Assistant services to the public, and to encourage high standards of ethical and professional conduct within the Legal Document Assistants profession.

**About Legal Document Assistants (LDA)**

Legal Document Assistants were once commonly known as Independent Paralegals. However, as of January 1, 2000 only those Paralegals working directly for attorneys may now be referred to as Paralegals. Those formerly known as Independent Paralegals are referred to as Legal Document Assistants (LDAs).

LDAs have the same educational background as a paralegal, but are required by law to be registered and bonded in the county in which they have their principal place of business. An LDA is an experienced professional who is authorized to prepare legal documents for a client, but only at the direction of the client. In other words, the LDA is there to assist the “self-help” client handle their own legal matters without the cost of an attorney. A Legal Document Assistant is NOT a lawyer. By law, they cannot give legal advice or represent you in he courts in any manner.

For more information about CALDA, visit their website at [www.calda.org](http://www.calda.org).

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