

PARALEGAL PIPELINE

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A message from the President

Being a part of an organization like ours can have so many varied benefits. Access to a wide network of your peers, involvement in activities that assist the under-served and deserving in our communities, the chance for constant growth in your own knowledge and skill sets through CLE seminars...the list goes on.

But those benefits are only possible through the intense and secure dedication of those members who value our profession, who desire to see all paralegals grow, and who go that extra mile to “make stuff happen.”

The regular job postings usually first-circulated to CCPA members before

general publication, the work of the Scholarship Committee promoting CCPA’s annual award to deserving students about to join our ranks, the “keep-us-connected” work in organizations such as Keystone Alliance of Paralegal Associations, and on to keeping the financial records of the association, maintaining the

membership rosters and connecting with organizations like the Bar Association for Pro Bono and volunteer activities.. for all those events and benefits there is a colleague of yours working hard and who cares about you, the profession, and the community. It’s a team.



Meet the CCPA Board...

Wendy Reczek, Pa.C.P. (CCPA’s Keystone Alliance Primary Representative) is an Intellectual Property paralegal for a global

corporation in suburban Philadelphia. She is the former chair of the Keystone Alliance of Paralegal Associations, the Chester County

Paralegal Association, and the IP Committee for the Philadelphia Association of Paralegals.

Message from the President (cont'd)...

I am only a successful President, and we're only a successful organization, when we have those members who make that extra effort on all our behalf, and I can assure all of you that your Board members and Officers are a terrific, smart and enthusiastic group that makes this work!

There's always room for

"one more" on any committee, and any one of the Board members is always happy to chat with you about what we do and how we could use your help, thoughts and ideas.

And if there's ever anything you want to see more from CCPA, or you have a great idea for a CLE topic, fundraising possibilities, volunteer activities, please

share with any of us!

I'm always proud to be a part of CCPA and work with all of you.

- Don

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Preparations for the 2016 Silent Auction Fundraiser to benefit CCPA and Legal Aid of Southeastern PA are in full swing! The event is currently slated for September 29, 2016. If you're interested in helping in any way, please contact Don

(dbristol@macelree.com) or Barb (bbutler@macelree.com).

Meet the CCPA Board (cont'd)...

Wendy graduated from and has taught at Villanova University's post-baccalaureate paralegal program, and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Maureen O'Hara, Pa.C.P. (CCPA Scholarship Committee Chair)

is a Pennsylvania Certified Paralegal with 20 years of accumulated experience in the areas of personal injury, securities and contracts, serving in private law firms and global corporations. Maureen is a current member of the NFPA Ethics Board, the current Scholarship Chair and former

Treasurer of the Chester County Paralegal Association, and has been an Adjunct Instructor at Villanova's University Paralegal program.

Suzie Marker (CCPA Secretary)

has been a member of the CCPA for over 15 years. Previously, she has served as vice president, president, newsletter committee chair, fundraising committee member as well as on the NFPA and Keystone Alliance committees.

Suzie finds her membership with CCPA to be invaluable when networking, continuing her legal education, and

making friends. She would especially encourage new paralegals to get involved with CCPA to continue to learn about all aspects of the law as well as serve the community in which they live and work.

Currently, Suzie resides in the southern end of the county with her husband, two children, two dogs, two cats and three turtles. Outside of work, she enjoys reading and watching her children play lacrosse.

Lisa J. Tarr, Pa.C.P. (CCPA's Villanova Univ. Liaison) currently works as a Corporate

Are you taking advantage of your membership?

Membership in CCPA also means you are also a member of the Keystone Alliance of Paralegal Associations and of the National Federation of Paralegal Associations (NFPA).

Keystone Alliance offers the Pennsylvania Certified Paralegal credential ("Pa.C.P."). Through CCPA's affiliation, the application and renewals fees are reduced.

The Pa.C.P. program identifies individuals whose education, training, and work experience have equipped them with the knowledge, skills and proficiencies to perform substantive legal work in a professional and ethical manner. The Pa.C.P. Credential offers employers

a benchmark for hiring and promoting paralegals. Ultimately, certification will become the standard for hiring and/or promoting experienced paralegals, and all CCPA members are encouraged to consider obtaining and maintaining the Pa.C.P. credential.

More info is available at www.keystoneparalegals.org.

Your CCPA membership also means you are a member of NFPA. There are numerous benefits afforded NFPA members. These include access to a wide array of CLE opportunities, from research and networking opportunities on a national level to members-only discounts and offers.

Be sure to take the quick time to review the regularly circulated "News You Can Use" emails, and logging into www.paralegals.org to check out all the benefits to NFPA membership and to also learn about national-level certification processes.

Both Keystone Alliance and NFPA are always happy to have extra involvement in their organizations, so if you have any questions or interest in becoming more involved, don't hesitate to contact CCPA's Keystone Alliance primary representative, Wendy Reczek (wreczek@aol.com) or our NFPA current-acting representative, Don Bristol (dbristol@macelree.com).

GET INVOLVED!

CCPA has vacancies in a few committee leadership roles. This is the perfect opportunity to increase your involvement in the association and enhance your resume!

- ***NFPA primary and secondary representatives***
- ***Newsletter coordinator***
- ***Publicity and Web Coordinator***

Contact any CCPA Board member to learn more or to join us on these committees.

Meet the CCPA Board (cont'd)...

Governance and Compliance Paralegal at Trinseo (a global materials company).

Lisa is a past Job Bank Chair, Keystone Alliance and NFPA

Representative, Vice President, President and Treasurer of CCPA.

Currently, Lisa is patiently waiting for the arrival of her first

grandchild (due at the end of June) and is active in antique car clubs.

Don Bristol, Pa.C.P. (CCPA President) is an Estate Administration paralegal at MacElree

Meet the CCPA Board (cont'd)...

Harvey, Ltd., and has been with the firm from the onset of his career as a paralegal.

Don has been involved in CCPA for several years, having served as past President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and website and CLE coordinator over the years.

He received his paralegal certificate from Villanova University.

He received an undergraduate degree in piano performance and masters degree in piano pedagogy from West Chester University. He still teaches privately, and most lunch breaks can be found at the studio practicing.

Next edition...meet Barb, Luci, Sandra and Jess.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

26th - CCPA Membership Meeting (5:30 p.m., Chesco Bar Assoc.)
Guest speaker – Lloyd Brown, CIFI (Stumar Investigations)

JUNE

7th - CCPA Board Meeting (12:00 noon, MacElree Harvey, Ltd.)

23rd - CCPA Membership Meeting (5:30 p.m., Chesco Bar Assoc.)
Guest speaker – to be announced

25th - 12th Annual Trial Run 5K to benefit Legal Aid of Southeastern PA
Struble Trail, Downingtown, PA

JULY

29th - Paralegal Day in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Articles Wanted!

We're always happy to accept articles written by you, the CCPA Members. Whether it's a practice-area topic or any other writing you are passionate about, submit your article for publication! And let any of the CCPA Board know if there are certain topics you would like to see included in the Pipeline's future editions.



DID YOU KNOW?

- Pennsylvania has a certification program for paralegals.
- Certified paralegals:
 - Must meet educational and employment requirements;
 - Raise your profitability;
 - Hold themselves to the same ethical and professional standards as attorneys; and
 - Create more value for your clients.

LEARN MORE

Visit the website of the
Keystone Alliance of Paralegals Associations at
www.keystoneparalegals.org



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