

## ASSOCIATION SPOTLIGHT

### Adoption Law

Nov. 8: The *Smoky Mountain Paralegal Association* will hold its monthly membership meeting at noon in the main conference room at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Knoxville, Tenn. Dawn Coppock, Esq., will speak on adoption law. The cost is \$10 for lunch. For more information, contact Angie Walls at [awalls@lewisking.com](mailto:awalls@lewisking.com).

### Florida Dinner Meetings

Nov. 8 and Nov. 14: The *Brevard Chapter of the Paralegal Association of Florida* will hold a dinner meeting Nov. 8 at 6 p.m., at Imperial's Hotel & Conference Center in Melbourne, Fla. Terri L. Stromatt, COO, DNA Services of America, will speak on DNA. The cost is \$18 for members and \$20 for nonmembers. For more information, e-mail Penny Chambers, CP, at [bpameetings@yahoo.com](mailto:bpameetings@yahoo.com). The Palm Beach County Chapter of PAF will hold a dinner meeting Nov. 14 at 6:30 p.m., at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in West Palm Beach, Fla., with networking and cocktails starting at 5:30 p.m. Amy Beller, Esq., will speak on probate. The cost is \$26 for members and \$32 for nonmembers. For more information, e-mail Sue Ellen Hurley at [sueellen@rcslawyers.com](mailto:sueellen@rcslawyers.com).

### Chicago Conference

Nov. 8 to Nov. 9: The *Illinois Paralegal Association* will hold its fall education conference at the Union League Club in Chicago. The conference will feature 36 seminars, including eight corporate seminars, eight litigation seminars and four seminars on the Paralegal Advanced Competency Exam. Other seminars will cover technology, insurance, estates and trusts, real estate, commercial finance, and intellectual property. For more information, contact Yvonne Olsson at [ipa@ipaonline.org](mailto:ipa@ipaonline.org).

### Kentucky Calling

Nov. 9: The *Kentucky Paralegal Association* will hold its 19th annual conference at the Holiday Inn Airport in Erlanger, Ky. The conference will feature topics on protection against identity theft, outsourcing in the corporate world, chiropractic code and red flags, the Innocence Project, products liability law and litigation in Kentucky, real estate, and how ethical leadership can influence group and individual decision making. A paralegal panel covering paralegal practice beyond litigation and  
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### The Philadelphia Association of Paralegals



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Members: 405  
Founded: 1973  
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**Mission:** The Philadelphia Association of Paralegals was formed in 1973 as a nonprofit organization dedicated to the advancement of the paralegal profession. Since its inception, PAP has continued to promote its established purposes, which include promoting and maintaining high standards in the paralegal profession, fostering creative expansion of paralegal roles, offering and encouraging CLE to paralegals, informing members of all developments in the paralegal profession, and promoting the education of employers and consumers in the use of paralegals and their role in the delivery of legal services. PAP also strives to establish and maintain mutually beneficial relationships with local, state and national bar associations; communicate with other paralegal associations; and provide services to the legal consumer and the legal community under the supervision of an attorney. PAP works hard to meet the needs of paralegals in Philadelphia by providing as much information as possible to its members through its quarterly newsletter, *The Philadelphia Forum*, and through its committees and bimonthly luncheons.

### Pro Bono and Community Service Activities:

The *Pro Bono* and Community Service Committee provides information to PAP members on volunteer opportunities both inside and outside the legal field. Members can lend their services to the Homeless Advocacy Project, a legal aid project of the Philadelphia Bar Association that provides free legal aid and counseling to homeless individuals and families; the Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program, which provides free civil legal services to low-income clients; and Habitat for Humanity, as well as various other charitable organizations. This committee welcomes the Philadelphia legal community in general, and PAP members in particular, to participate in any of these activities.

**Membership Benefits:** Membership benefits include access to the monthly board of directors meetings, which provide opportunities to participate in the development and governance of the organization, as well as CLE opportunities, including sponsored seminars and workshops on topics designed to increase paralegal knowledge and skills. Topics we have covered in the past include Web 2.0, research techniques for the paralegal, and prevention of and protection from identity theft. *The Philadelphia Forum* informs members of upcoming activities, events and newsworthy items pertaining to the profession, and PAP information is published weekly in *The Legal Intelligencer*, the local legal newspaper. Luncheon meetings, held every two months, feature speakers on various topics of interest to the paralegal community. Social activities also are offered each year, such as a family day at the zoo and cocktail hour events. The association maintains a job bank for members, which is updated twice a month with new job postings. Members also can take advantage of PAP's blog, which covers events and activities, education and certification, and job opportunities. It also discusses topics affecting paralegals' lives and work, and provides a place where paralegals can go with questions and answers.

### Upcoming Events

PAP will hold a luncheon on Nov. 6 at the Sofitel hotel in Philadelphia. This is our general membership luncheon where elections will be held. The cost will be \$28.50 for members, \$32 for nonmembers and \$35 for walk-ins.