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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: JoAnne Haffeman

This year's Board Elections have been completed and I am pleased and delighted to report that Sarah Robinson will assume the office of President. Sarah joined the Board as Trustee-At-Large in the 2010-2011 term. In addition to her serving on the PANJ Board, Sarah has also served as co-chair of the New Jersey State Bar Special Committee on Paralegals and Exhibitor Coordinator for the New Jersey Paralegal Convention. Please congratulate Sarah and welcome her to this new position.

This year's nominations also saw other changes in the Board. Nazmia Abedrabo, Trustees-at-Large has accepted the office of Vice President. Jennifer Ciaburri, Corresponding Secretary, accepted the office of Recording Secretary. Michelle Mando, Trustee-at-Large, assumes the office of Corresponding Secretary. In addition to myself, Grace Kelly, CP, will become a Trustee-at-Large. I'd like to also welcome LauraTemoyan the Board as a Trustee-at-Large. I'm very pleased that Laura agreed to accept her nomination and look forward to her participation in the Board.

As a reminder, PANJ went green several years ago. As a result, all communications to members are sent via email unless a member specifically requested to be sent hard copy. This includes renewal notices. With our busy schedules and numerous emails it is easy to forget to renew your membership. PANJ sends a reminder and final reminder so you do not let your membership inadvertently lapse. However, this does happen. So, please note when you receive your renewal notices and reminders and renew in a timely fashion. As a convenience, members can pay their dues online through the PANJ Renewal Center. Your payment can be made through PayPal. You do not have to be a member of PayPal to use this method of paying. It is also important that the Membership Committee has current email address. For those who provide work emails, please confirm that emails from PANJ will not be blocked or considered spam and sent to the junk folder. Also, please let PANJ know if you should change law firms and provide an updated email. As there are many important issues facing our profession, I strongly urge everyone to maintain their membership status to ensure that you keep up with latest development in our profession.

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As another reminder, the PANJ website includes a page for the Job Bank, which is exclusive to PANJ members. Members can either consult the Job Bank page for recent job listings or post a job listing at your law firm on the website. We have been very fortunate to have two chairs who have done a great job in maintaining the job bank. Carol Snyder, our current Treasurer, completely revamped the Job Bank several years ago and Denise Zangoglia, the current Chair of the Job Bank Committee, has continued to keep job bank current. You can contact Denise, at dzangoglia@gmail.com to obtain the current login and password. Be sure to check the Job Bank periodically for the latest job listings.

Finally, a personal word. This is the third time I have stepped down as President, and it is the last. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your president much of the past 15 years. While I still feel enthusiasm for and passion, not only for the Association but also the paralegal profession, it is time for the next generation of leaders to take over and place their mark on our history. With that I bow out and wish everyone well.

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NALA News

By: Christine Principe, CP

NALA CONVENTION

NALA's Conference and Expo will be held Wednesday, July 19, 2017 to Friday, July 21, 2017 at the Wyndam Orlando Resort, Orlando, Florida. If you have not attended a

NALA convention, you should seriously consider it. I attended last year's convention. I had a great time and got so much out of it! Here's the link to the convention page – check it out! The convention page even has a sample letter to submit to your boss.

https://www.nala.org/conferences/2017-nala-conference-expo.

NALA CERTIFICATION EXAM

NALA has changed the format of its Certified Paralegal Examination. Beginning in 2018, it will consist of two sections: (1) the Knowledge Exam which is taken first and the (2) the Skills Exam, taken after successful completion of the Knowledge Exam. The Knowledge Exam will consist of multiple choice questions and will be given on-demand, year-round at testing centers. The Skills Exam will consist of a written assignment, given four times a year: February, April, July, and October. The exam fee is \$250 for NALA members; \$275 for non-NALA members. The retake fee is \$60. If exam takers do not take and pass all sections by close of the September 2017 testing window, NALA will require them to retake the examination in its new format beginning in 2018. Good luck to all of those who are taking the exam!!

NALA has created an Online CP Exam Review Study Group through Facebook. Check out NALA's home page for more information - www.nala.org.

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PROCESS SERVICE TIP FROM DGR – THE ONLY SOURCE FOR LEGAL SUPPORT

If you know that you would like the process server to attempt service at an alternate location if the subject is not at the initial address, be sure to include this information in the original cover letter.

If no other address is given, the scenario goes like this: the server attempts service at a residential address and then comes back to the office and notifies you that the individual is not at the address. You provide the second address and the server goes back out the next day to attempt service.

By providing a new address, the situation turns into one where the server can go from the old address right to the new one, cutting down on the amount of time it takes to complete service.

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Per the PANJ By Laws the election process requires those who are nominated for positions on the Executive Board must then accept the nomination. Although more than one person was nominated for certain Board positions, only one person accepted the nomination. Therefore, voting by the general membership is

REGISTRATION FORM

October 20, 2017 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Renaissance Woodbridge 515 US Route 1 South Iselin, New Jersey



Pre-Registration through October 12, 2017 Registration fee: Paralegals/Students: \$75.00 Attorneys/Others: \$85.00 at door \$10 additional fee

DISCOUNT FOR GROUPS OF 6 OR MORE - <u>MUST ALL REGISTER & PAY SIMULTANEOUSLY</u> Contact JoAnne Haffeman for further information

Please supply information for each registrant (attach duplicate forms for multiple registrants) All of the following information is required. Please print clearly or type.

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Place an "X" on the line to the left of the program for each session that you would like to attend. PayPal Registration: Please insert topic # for each session you would like to attend. PLEASE SELECT ONLY <u>ONE</u> SEMINAR FROM EACH SESSION

SESSION I	SESSION II	SESSION III	SESSION IV
Legal Writing	Family Law: New Child Support Regulations/Case Information Statement & Worksheets	Family Law: Social Media in Family Law Cases	Ethics & Technology
(All atendee seminar)	Constitutional Law	Torts	(All attendee seminar)
	Criminal Law: Bail Reform	Intellectual Property	
	Foreclosures: Tax Liens, Judgments and Striet Foreclosures	Immigration	

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If paying by check: Make check payable to "NJ Paralegal Convention" and mail it to: JoAnne Haffeman 436 Equator Avenue Somerset, New Jersey 08873

There will be a \$50.00 return check fee plus administrative charge for each returned check. Refunds less \$25 administration fee will be granted until October 12, 2017. <u>NO REFUNDS AFTER OCTOBER 12, 2017</u>

> Please call the Renaissance Woodbridge for hotel accommodations. 973-634-3600 Mention your attendance at the NJ Paralegal Convention for special room rates. Reservations must be made by September 24, 2017 to insure availability

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8:00 AM	Check In and Walk-In Registration Continental Breakfast ***VENDOR FAIR***
9:00 AM - 9:15 AM	Opening Remarks
9:15 AM - 10:15 AM	Session I Seminar - ALL ATTENDEE Legal Writing Ellen C. Marshall, Esq.
10:15 AM - 10:45 AM	Break for Litigation & Miscellaneous B Tracks ***VENDOR FAIR***
10:30 AM - 11:45 AM	Session II Seminars Family Law Track: New Child Support Regulations, Case Information Preparation / Child Support Worksheets Daniel Tune, Esq.
	Miscellaneous A Track: Constitutional Law Marsha Sherm, Esq.
10:45 AM - 12:00 PM	Session II Seminars Litigation Track: Criminal Law: Bail Reform Barbara Ungar, Esq.
	Miscellaneous B Track: Foreclosures: Tax Lien, Judgments and Strict Foreclosures Matthew Albano, Esq.
11:45 AM - 12:15 PM	Break for Family Law & Miscellaneous A Tracks ***VENDOR FAIR***
12:15 PM - 1:30 PM	Session III Seminars Family Law Track: Social Media in Family Law Cases Sheryl J. Seiden, Esq.
	Litigation Track: Torts Debra Stephan, Esq.
	Miscellaneous A Track: Immigration Alan J. Pollack, Esq.
	Miscellaneous B Track: Intellectual Property Dr. Gary Lobel

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Lunch *** VENDOR FAIR ***
	Prize Drawings**
2:45PM - 4:00 PM	Session IV Seminar - ALL ATTENDEE
	Ethics & Technology
	Carol Johnston Esq.,
	Supreme Court Committee on Unauthorized Practice of Law

Lunch menu:

Caesar Salad

Entree Choice of:

Port reduction marinated breast of chicken with capers, Kalamata olives, tomatoes and onions

or

Baked Tilapia in a lemon caper sauce

Chef's selection of seasonal vegetable and starch Rolls & butter Dessert

Coffee/Tea/Decaffeinated Coffee/Iced Tea

Vegetarian option of Cavatelli & Broccoli (not vegan) or other dietary restrictions accommodated upon request. Please contact the convention committee for further information. If you do not choose an entree when you register, chicken will automatically be selected for you.

> ** Bring Your Business Cards for the many drawings by our exhibitors & to exchange with other attendees for networking! REMEMBER – You must be present to win!!

YOU CAN REGISTER & PAY ON OUR WEBSITE

www.njparalegalconvention.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL DAYS, EVENINGS & WEEKENDS

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NOTICE TO THE BAR

EXPANSION OF MANDATORY ELECTRONIC FILING IN ECOURTS FOR SPECIAL CIVIL PART AND RELATED STATEWIDE JUDGMENT LIENS

This notice relates to the filing requirements for matters in the Special Civil Part (DC) and related statewide judgment liens. Specifically, this notice requires that all licensed New Jersey attorneys and law firms filing pleadings and documents in the Special Civil Part as well as related statewide judgment liens do so electronically through eCourts.

The September 23, 2016 notice to the bar required "all attorneys and law firms registered on the Judiciary Electronic Filing System (JEFIS) to file all pleadings and documents electronically through eCourts in Special Civil Part (DC) and related statewide judgment liens" effective October 1, 2016. The Supreme Court by order dated September 23, 2016 permitted a phased-in approach to that mandatory electronic filing requirement in Special Civil Part matters and related statewide judgment liens. The phased-in mandatory electronic filing requirement authorized by the Court's September 23, 2016 order is now at the final phase, such that effective May 1, 2017, <u>all</u> attorneys and law firms filing pleadings and documents in the Special Civil Part (DC docket) and related statewide judgment liens must as of that date file <u>all</u> such pleadings and documents electronically in eCourts Special Civil Part (with the exception of documents under seal and orders to show cause, which will continue to be required to be filed on paper).

Any paper in a Special Civil Part matter or related statewide judgment lien received from an attorney or law firm other than electronically through eCourts Special Civil Part on or after May 1, 2017 will be returned to the filing attorney with notice that it must be filed electronically. In such instances the attorney will have ten (10) days to file that same document along with the return notice electronically in order to preserve the original filing date.

As a consequence of the Court's Order, an attorney seeking to file any fee-related document in the Special Civil Part (DC) through eCourts Special Civil Part must now have a JACS account. Information can be found at <u>http://www.judiciary.state.nj.us/JACS/index.html</u> on establishing a JACS account.

Questions regarding eCourts Special Civil Part and the mandatory electronic filing requirement for Special Civil Part matters and related statewide judgment liens may be directed to Michelle M. Smith, Clerk of the Superior Court, by email at <u>michelle.smith@njcourts.gov</u> or by telephone at 609-421-6100.

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