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By JoAnne Haffeman

Hello fellow members - I hope you have enjoyed this blissfully mild summer. After last year, this has been a welcomed change.

First, I wish to thank those members who responded to our email seeking your help. As a result of your generous response, many of the committee chairs that have been vacant for a long period have now been filled. I am pleased to report that we are now in the process of providing even more information and services to our members.

I would also like to report that the dinner meeting and Saturday Seminar programming for the 2013-2104 term was successful. As reported earlier, the fall and winter dinner meetings were very well attended and received. Our Saturday Seminars in March and April were likewise well received and our June dinner meeting culminated in not one but two sponsors. As we begin planning for our dinner meetings for the next term, if there is a topic or speaker that you would like to recommend, please email this information to info@njpara.org.

As you know, PANJ sent out a flyer in June informing our membership that as of September 1, 2014, PANJ IS GOING GREEN. This means that all communications to the membership will be via email. This includes dinner meeting notices, Save the Date notices, Saturday Seminars and notification of any other PANJ events. Additionally, and this is very important, your membership renewal notice will be sent via email as well. If your desire is to receive notification via the USPO, please email us at info@njpara.org and advise that this is your preferred method.

Over the past few months, the Executive Board has been working on a revision to the PANJ Bylaws. We recently received approval of the Revision from NALA. The Bylaw Revision will be distributed for membership approval in the near future.

Finally, as a reminder, the 2014 New Jersey Paralegal Convention will be held on October 24, 2014. Time is fast approaching to register for this premier event of paralegals, by paralegals and for paralegals. The Convention registration packet is included in this newsletter. If you have any questions, please contact convention coordinator, Kandi Moncelsi, ACP, at kmoncelsi@gmail.com or email info@njparalegalconvention.com.

See you in September!

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NALA News

by Kandi Moncelsi, ACP

As a member of NALA, I have access to a number of interesting things on their website. For one, the vendor list is a big help when I am in need of a service and I don't have that particular type of service in my roster of vendors. NALA's bi-monthly publication, *Facts & Findings*, comes to me in hard copy but members have access to a digital copy as well. It is a great magazine with all kinds of information and articles. So when I am taking a lunch break at the office, I can open it on the computer and read. But wait! There is an app for that!! Yes, NALA

has an app of <u>Facts & Findings</u> for your Smartphone! I have often been caught reading on my IPhone while waiting in the doctor's office or supermarket checkout line. As a member of an affiliated association, you can subscribe to <u>Facts & Findings</u> for a small cost and you do not have to be a member of NALA.

The obvious reason to check with the NALA website is the certifying exam. I keep reading about the online family law ACPs and am getting closer and closer to signing up for one. If you are thinking about the CLA/CP exam and looking for a self-study program - there is an app for that too! You can also access a practice test and find valuable information on the exam and other tools to assist you in your quest for national certification.

Of course, once you attain the CLA/CP designation, you must keep up with continuing education. The PANJ dinner meetings are typically approved by NALA for one CLE credit, so you can attend the dinner meetings each term and meet the annual CLE requirements. The annual Paralegal Convention, this year scheduled for October 24th, typically receives approval for 5 CE credits, so you can meet the requirement in one fun filled (ok, educational and fun filled!!) day.

Even if you are not planning on sitting for the CLA/CP exam anytime soon, if you have a minute, check out NALA's website - www.nala.org There is something for everyone and I am sure you will be pleasantly surprised!







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September 1-30

Application deadline: August 1
Late application deadline: August 10
(\$25 late fee)

January 1-31

Application deadline: December 1
Late application deadline: December 10
(\$25 late fee)

May 1-31

Application deadline: April 1 Late application deadline: April 10 (\$25 late fee)

It's the same rigorous examination—no change in structure or subjects, and essay questions remain a part of the exam. Eligibility requirements and examination application fees are unchanged.

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SAVE THE DATE!!

SEPTEMBER 16, 2014

FIRST MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE 2014-2015 TERM!

TOPIC: LEGAL ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

CHILDREN

SPEAKERS: MATHEU NUNN, ESQ. and CHRISTOPHER ROMAN, ESQ.

EINHORN HARRIS ASCHER BARBARITO & FROST, PC

DATE: Tuesday, September 16, 2014

TIME: 6:30 p.m. - Registration/Check In

PLACE: Holiday Inn Totowa

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

	Continental Breakfast ***VENDOR FAIR***
8:45 AM - 9:00 AM	Opening Remarks
9:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Session I Seminars
10:15 AM - 10:45 AM	Break for Family Law & Miscellaneous A Tracks ***VENDOR FAIR***
10:30 AM - 11:45 AM	Session II Seminars begin for Litigation & Miscellaneous B Tracks
10:45 AM - 12:00 PM	Session II Seminars begin for Family & Miscellaneous A Tracks
11:45 AM - 12:15 PM	Break for Litigation & Miscellaneous B Tracks ***VENDOR FAIR***
12:15 PM - 1:30 PM	Session III Seminars

Check in and Walk-In Registration

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM Lunch

8:00 AM

*** VENDOR FAIR ***

Prize Drawings**

2:45PM - 4:00 PM Session IV Seminar

*Lunch menu:

Baby Lettuce with Grape Tomatoes, Kalamata Olives & Red Onion
Choice of:
Tilapia with tomato caper sauce
or
Herb Marinated Chicken Breast
Chef's selection of seasonal vegetable and starch
Rolls & butter
Dessert

Coffee/Tea/Decaffeinated Coffee/Iced Tea

Vegetarian option of pasta (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.

** Remember - You must be present to win!!

DESCRIPTION OF EVENTS

Family Law Track:

IMMIGRATION IN FAMILY LAW, Deb Guston, Esquire and Alla Londres, Esquire

The rights of non-citizens as it relates to family law, divorce, custody, etc.

I'M NOT CRAZY, I'M JUST GETTING DIVORCED! Stephanie Hagen, Esquire

Going through a divorce is an emotional roller coaster, just ask anyone who has lived through it! This seminar will help understand the emotional issues and how to work with the emotional, family law client.

ADOPTION, Jean M. Cavaliere, Esquire

A step by step discussion on the process of adoption.

Litigation Track:

PLAINTIFF v. DEFENDANT- Sessions I and II

Joshua H. Raymond, Esquire, appearing for the plaintiff
Lori Patrick, Esquire, appearing for the defense
One fact pattern, two adverse positions. The litigation case from both sides of the coin.

THE PARALEGAL'S GUIDE TO FEDERAL PRACTICE, Robert Vort, Esquire

A primer on the roles of the paralegal in the Federal Courts.

Miscellaneous A Track:

WORKER'S COMPENSATION, David Lande, Esquire

Second Injury Fund, Section 20, what does it mean? Worker's Compensation for both the paralegal and employee.

I HAVE A JUDGMENT, HOW DO I COLLECT?, Gerald Felt, Esquire

After you've gone through the process to obtain a judgment, how does your client get payment?

CURRENT TRENDS IN LESBIAN/GAY/BISEXUAL/TRANSGENDER RIGHTS, Robyn B. Gigl, Esquire

The law is ever changing. Learn the latest in rights for the LGBT community.

Miscellaneous B Track:

ANIMAL RIGHTS LAW, Linda J. Niedweske, Esquire

From the tenant forced to give up their pet or move, to the animal about to be euthanized, the rights surrounding people and their pets is diverse and complex.

BANKRUPTCY FOR THE NON-BANKRUPTCY PARALEGAL, Mathew Laskowski, Senior Paralegal, Porzio Bromberg & Newman Everything you've always wanted to know about bankruptcy even though you do not work in this area of law.

WHERE DO I FIND THAT? Kathy Taggart, Senior Research Services Librarian, Lowenstein Sandler LLP

There are more places to find your answers than through your firm's subscription to WestLaw or Lexis. Find out where in this seminar!

Session IV - All Attendees:

ETHICS & SOCIAL MEDIA or Can I talk about my job on Facebook?, Joseph Zavaglia, Esquire and Michael Sullivan, Esquire We all know there is a fine line dividing what is ethical, with social media becoming more the rule than the exception. How can a paralegal stay on the right side of it all?



REGISTRATION FORM

Pre-Registration through October 20, 2014 October 24, 2014 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Renaissance Woodbridge 515 US Route 1 South Iselin, New Jersey

Pre-Registration fee: Paralegals/Students: \$75.00 Attorneys/Others: \$85.00 At door \$10 additional fee

DISCOUNT FOR GROUPS OF 6 OR MORE - MUST ALL REGISTER & PAY SIMULTANEOUSLY!

Contact Jennifer Smith for further information

Please supply information for each registrant (attach duplicate forms for multiple registrants)

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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 ONE SEMINAR FROM EACH SESSION!!!

SESSION	SESSION II	SESSION III	SESSION IV
Immigration in Family Law	l'm Not Crazy, I'm Getting Divorced	Adoption	Ethics & Social Media
Plaintiff v. Defendant #1	Plaintiff v. Defendant #2	Federal Practice	(All attendee seminar)
Worker's Compensation	Post Judgment Collections	Current Trends in LGBT	
Animal Rights Law	Bankruptcy for NonBankruptcy Paralegals	Where Do I Find That?	

Need more information?

Register and pay by credit card on our website!

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Jennifer Smith (973) 464-2449

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If paying by check:

Make check payable to "NJ Paralegal Convention" and mail it to:

Jennifer Smith

123 Omaha Avenue

Rockaway, NJ 07866

There will be a \$25.00 return check fee plus administrative charge for each returned check.

Refunds less \$25 administration fee will be granted until October 10, 2014. No refunds after October 10, 2014

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, 2014 to insure availability.



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