

The SAPA Sentinel: December 2022



SAN ANTONIO PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION

An Affiliate of the National Association of Legal Assistants, Inc.





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- **Gulfstream Legal Group**
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- **TxMLC**
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SAPA is proud to Spotlight Our Sustaining Member

TxMLC

In our November 2022 Newsletter



Texas Medical Legal Consultants, LLC

What We Offer

Texas Medical Legal Consultant, LLC (TxMLC) is a San Antonio based medical legal consulting company that provides management services to a network of elite experts who are committed to providing high quality consulting and testimony services. Our goal is to provide experts with an opportunity to outsource the

administrative tasks associated with their legal consulting services. This process helps reduce the healthcare professional's non-billable time, minimizes the risk of miscommunication with their clinical staff, increases attorney access to the expert, and simplifies the retention process for all parties.

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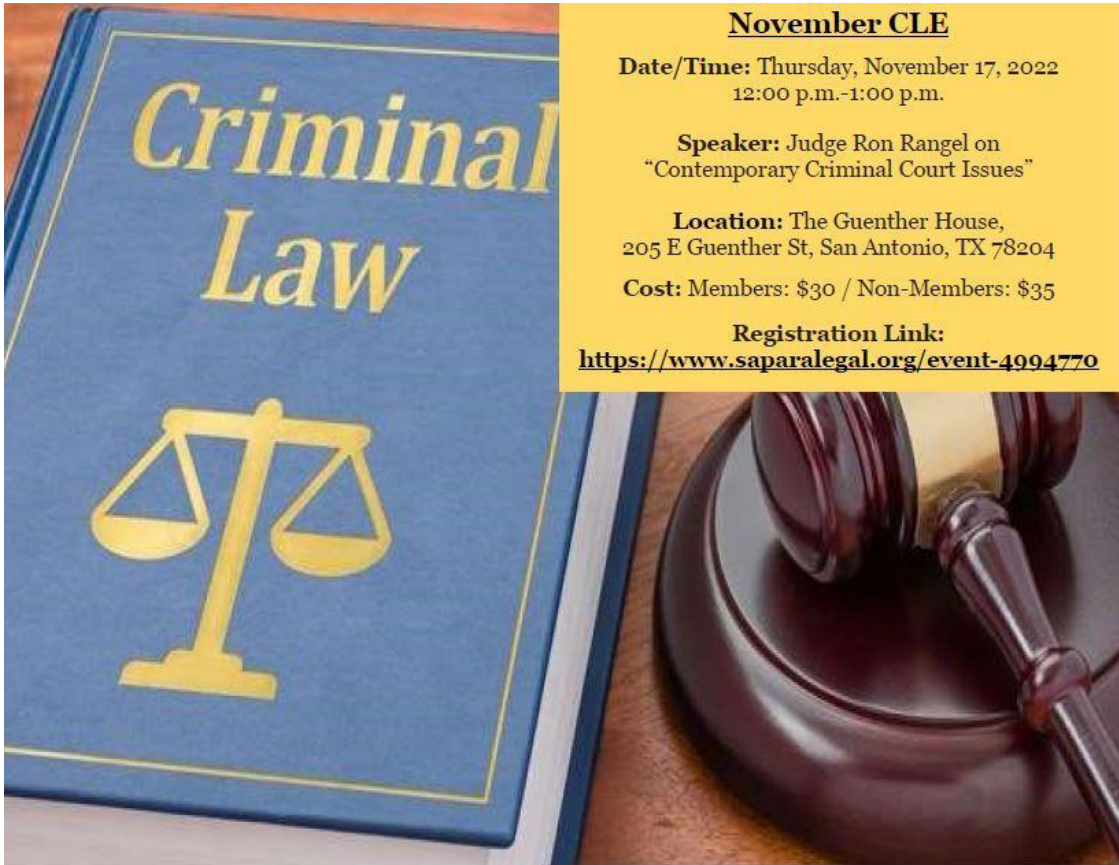
13409 NW Military Hwy, Suite 200

Shavano Park, Texas 78231

Please support SAPA Sustaining Members.

**With their support, we are able to hold awesome
CLE Seminars and monthly CLE luncheons**

Make sure to renew your membership as soon as possible to enjoy the full benefits of our organization.



November CLE

Date/Time: Thursday, November 17, 2022
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

Speaker: Judge Ron Rangel on
"Contemporary Criminal Court Issues"

Location: The Guenther House,
205 E Guenther St, San Antonio, TX 78204

Cost: Members: \$30 / Non-Members: \$35

Registration Link:
<https://www.saparalegal.org/event-4994770>

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Menu:

Champagne Chicken Strudel

Roasted chicken breast, mushrooms, Swiss cheese, and San Antonio River Mill Brand Champagne Chicken Gravy, wrapped in our flaky pastry dough, with a side of fresh seasonal fruit. Served with regular iced tea and Founders Choice Coffee.
Cherry strudel with a cream cheese filling.

Judge Ron Rangel



Judge Ron Rangel has served as the judge of the 379th Criminal District Court since his election in 2008. This court handles serious criminal felony cases that range from state jail felonies to capital murders. Judge Rangel earned a Bachelor's degree in History in 1991 and a law degree in 1996, both from St. Mary's University. He has worked as a caseworker for Child Protective Services, as a felony prosecutor, and as a criminal defense attorney. During Judge Rangel's service on the bench, he has presided over numerous high profile jury trials, including the first two child victim human trafficking cases and the first adult continuing human trafficking jury trial in Bexar County. Judge Rangel has earned a reputation for exceptional community service projects, is an active speaker at various seminars and colleges, including working in his 8th year as an adjunct

professor, currently at the University of Texas at San Antonio for the last 6 years, has received numerous awards, such as the "2013 Man of the Year" by the Observer Newspaper group, numerous "Judge of the Year" awards from numerous organizations and other various community service awards. He is ending his 5th year of service as an Administrative Judge, currently as the Local Administrative Judge. He is the spokesperson and representative for all 27 Bexar County district courts and has been responsible for courthouse operations during the COVID-19 pandemic. Judge Rangel has pushed through many criminal justice reform measures, including creating and now presiding over Felony Mental Health Treatment Court and has since worked closely with local providers to assist the needs of citizens caught in the criminal justice system.

Register

Paralegal Division – District 5

The weather is just about perfect! There is no better time to be outdoors. Make the most of autumn and enjoy the crisp air, cozy sweaters, pumpkins, candy apples, hayrides, fall festivals and everything else that comes with it. Fall is my favorite time of year – not just because it means that football season has arrived – but because we get to enjoy all the golden colors, wonderful smells, tasty food, and family gatherings. Happy Fall Y'all!

SAN ANTONIO PARALEGAL DAY CELEBRATION:

We appreciate all who attended the jointly held Paralegal Day celebration. It was a joyous event! 19th year and going strong!! A huge THANK YOU to our vendors for their donations and support. A special THANKS to our keynote speaker, Rebecca Lorenz, for an insightful presentation on Forensic Accounting. Kudos to the Planning Committee for a job well done! Congratulations to JoAnn Trevino on receiving the 2022 Paralegal of the Year award. Well-deserved and we're so excited for JoAnn!

BLANKET Brigade:

Volunteers Needed! We have no-sew blanket kits available for pick up to assemble at home. Contact Susi Boss at sboss@hhzlaw.com to pick up your kit. Assembled blankets are to be returned to HHZ Family Law (12000 Huebner Rd., Suite 200, 78230) by Tuesday November 22, 2022. Blankets will be donated to shelters and centers this Holiday Season. Help us reach our goal of 100 blankets!

Thanksgiving Food Drive:

We will begin collecting donations for the San Antonio Food Bank from **October 31 to November 18, 2022**. You can drop off your non-perishable items in the Red Bins located in the first-floor lobby at HHZ Family Law (12000 Huebner Rd., 78230). We will also be collecting pet food donations for DaisyCares in the green bins. If you would like to have a Red Bin dropped off at your law firm to help collect donations, please contact Pearl Garza, District 5 Director, at District5@txpd.org.

Respectfully,

Pearl Garza

District 5 Director



~ Autumn carries more gold in its pocket than all the other seasons. ~ John Bishop

*** * * UP COMING EVENTS * * ***

For our Members

Keep an eye on your email for our e-blast coming soon to

RSVP for the Holiday Dinner Party



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*JOIN US
ON
DECEMBER 17, 2022
AT
FT. SAM HOUSTON NATIONAL CEMETERY*

(CEREMONY BEGINS AT 11:00 AM)

*AS WE VOLUNTEER WITH WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA WE WILL LAY
WREATHS ON THE GRAVES TO REMEMBER AND HONOR THE LIVES OF
THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED.*



If you would like to join us, please register online at www.saparalegal.org or email Priscilla Nash at pnash@grouplegalservices.org.

**Come out and meet up with fellow members,
we would love to have you join us.**



SAPA OUT IN THE COMMUNITY

ETHICS FOLLIES PRESENTS

THE PRINCESS BRIBE

An Inconceivable Musical Parody

WILL TRUE LOVE & ETHICS SAVE THE DAY?



Thank you to the SAPA Members who volunteered at Ethics Follies

Ethics Follies is an original story with musical parodies to teach legal and business ethics to executives, their legal counsel and accountants. Anyone with a professional license may be eligible to receive two hours of ethics credit each year for attending the show. The proceeds benefit, in part, The Community Justice Program in Central Texas, which provides free legal services to those in need.

Keep this event in for mind for next year. Volunteers will be needed for backstage. This is the prefect opportunity to combine your love for theater and law.

Thank you Diana Olack for setting up this great volunteer opportunity for our members.

RED MASS

October 27, 2022



SAPA Members Proudly Representing Paralegals at Red Mass

Each fall, St. Mary's University School of Law welcomes the start of the new judicial year with a local adaptation of the centuries-old tradition of Red Mass. The tradition of Red Mass dates back to 1245 in Europe when both the bench and bar attended the Mass together at the beginning of each judicial session. The name is derived from the scarlet robes worn by judges and red vestments worn by priests in honor of the Holy Spirit. Red Mass is celebrated throughout the country for the purpose of requesting God's blessings and guidance on the administration of justice.



This month we are spotlighting our very own Paralegal of the Year!

JoAnn Trevino

JoAnn is currently serving as Parliamentarian of our association. She has been a member of the Board of Directors in various capacity for several years.



I was immensely grateful to be recognized as 2022 Paralegal of the Year by the San Antonio Paralegal Association and Texas Paralegal Division! Special congratulations again to my fellow nominees (Elaine, Priscilla, Phoebe and Pearl)! It was truly an honor to be nominated among this group of outstanding Paralegals. This inspired me to continue branching out to help others, dive deeper into my legal education and be of service to those in the legal community.

JoAnn Trevino | Legal Analyst I | Technology & Transactions Counsel

00630, Chief Legal Office, USAA

9800 Fredericksburg Road, San Antonio, Texas 78288

WELCOME - NALA Study Group

New Leader - New Location

Phoebe Glombik

NALA Liaison

nala@saparalegal.org

NALA - Up Coming Webinars

[Click Here](#)


A decorative background featuring coffee beans in the upper left, large green coffee leaves, and a white coffee cup with dark coffee in the lower left. The text is overlaid on a dark, textured background.

SAPA's NALA Study Group



Location:
Summer Moon Coffee
3233 N St Mary's St., Ste. 102
San Antonio, TX 78212

Contact: Phoebe Glombik
nala@saparalegal.org



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- August 25th from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 * NALA Study Session: Ch. 2 - Civil Litigation
- September 29th from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 * NALA Study Session: Ch. 3 - Contracts
- October 20th from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 * NALA Study Session: Ch. 4 - Corporate and Commercial Law
- November 16th from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 * NALA Study Session: Ch. 5 - Criminal Law & Procedure
- December 15th from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 * NALA Study Session: Ch. 6 - Estate Planning and Probate
- January 20th from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 * NALA Study Session: Ch. 7 - Real Estate and Property
- February 25th from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 * NALA Study Session: Ch. 8 - Torts
- March 23rd from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 * NALA Study Session: Ch. 9 & 10 - Professional and Ethical Liability and Grammar
- April 27th from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 * NALA Study Session: Ch. 11 & 12 - Spelling and Punctuation
- May 20th from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 * NALA Study Session: Ch. 13 & 14 - Clarity of Expression and Critical Thinking
- June 29th from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 * NALA Study Session: Ch. 15, 16 & 17 - Reading Comprehension, Analysis of Information and Decision Making

Paralegal Day 2022





A Big **Thank You** to all members and guests who supported our charity and scholarship fundraiser at the 19th Annual San Antonio Paralegal Day Celebration



Wine Barrel Winner |



Liquor Barrel Winner: **Sara C. Casas**
SAPA Member Kathryn Flores will be delivering the Barrel to Ms. Casas



Liquor Barrel Winner.



Liquor Cart with Skeleton Winner: **Ian McLin**
Mr. **McLin** was not present, but members of his office were more than happy to deliver his winnings

SAPA's Next Board of Director's Meeting is Scheduled for

Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

In person meeting at Langley & Banack, Inc., 745 E. Mulberry Avenue, Suite 700, San Antonio, Texas 78212. All members are welcome to join us. Please email president@saparalegal.org to let us know if you will be joining us.



MENTOR PROGRAM

BE A MENTOR | HAVE A MENTOR

Protégés:

- Receive guidance/direction/support on topics such as ethics, career advancement, & professionalism.
- Access to valuable networking opportunities with other paralegals and the legal community through your mentors and others at state-wide and district PD events.
- Opportunities to learn more about the PD and PD activities & opportunities to get more involved.

Mentors:

- Opportunity to share your guidance/direction/support on topics such as ethics, career advancement, & professionalism.
- Encourage and promote the Division, and opportunities to participate in the Division.
- Invite Protégés to attend Division functions, and introduce Protégés to Division leadership, as well as some of the members.

*Voting, active members in good standing, with at least seven (7) years of experience as a paralegal, are qualified to serve as Mentors. Mentors must complete the requisite application acknowledging Mentor has read and agrees to follow the Mentor Program Guidelines.

SIGN UP TODAY

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MEMBERSHIP
DRIVE

The State Bar of Texas Paralegal Division is accepting Membership Applications on-line.

Online applications can be processed with payment options by check or money order (made payable to the Paralegal Division) or by credit card using an American Express, Visa, or Master Card. If paying by check, mail your check along with a copy of your membership application to Paralegal Division, P. O. Box 19163, Amarillo, TX 79114. **Application payments are non-refundable.**

- **Important** - Active and Associate members must provide your supervising attorney's bar number when asked for during the application process, so please have it available before beginning.
- We strongly suggest you apply via a computer that has print capability so you can print your application for your records.

Once you start the application process, be aware that periods of inactivity greater than 20 minutes will cause your online session to time out and require that you start over, so be sure to have any required information available before you begin.

[Click to Apply Online](#)

REMINDERS :

- We are now accepting payments via the Cash App.
 - Just use the Cash tag: **\$SAParalegal21**
 - Registration for luncheon is still required.
- Would you like SAPA to recognize one of our members for their accomplishments? If you ever have something that you want us to share; news, events, feedback, a member you would like to recognize or an article that you enjoyed, I would be happy to review your entries at Newsletter@saparalegal.org.
- Do not forget to renew your membership and encourage the Paralegals in your life to join SAPA or renew their memberships if they have not yet, as well. 2020 is going to be a great year to be a member of SAPA and you do not want to miss it!



ONCE UPON A TIME...

We didn't envision building a national company when we started Capitol Services in 1978. A small office in Austin offering Texas UCC searches was all we really had in mind. In fact, if our banker had required us to prepare a business plan, we probably wouldn't be here today.

Many years ago, our first CPA commented that the best thing we had done was hire nice people. We think that still rings true. Some of those people are still with us today, including two who started with us in our first year of business. Quite a few clients who gave us an opportunity to earn their business that first year remain with us too.

Forty years later, Capitol Services has offices from coast-to-coast providing a full range of corporate, registered agent, and lien services. More importantly, we still hire nice people and retain them. Even though we have continued to grow and add new people, 40% of our employees have been with us for over 10 years.

A lot has changed over the past 40 years, but our mission has remained the same – “to provide friendly, efficient, and cost-effective service to our clients amid a relaxed atmosphere that encourages a balanced work-life experience for our employees.”

John Robinson and Cheryl Roberts

Co-Founders