

# Welcome to the SAPA Sentinel:

## July 2023



### SAN ANTONIO PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION

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

The San Antonio Paralegal Association ("SAPA") is a non-profit association established to promote the paralegal profession by utilizing community networks, continuing legal education, and public service. SAPA strives to promote excellence and ethical standards for all members and supports voluntary national certification to recognize those members who have demonstrated competency in our beloved profession. SAPA is dedicated to the use of networking opportunities to support paralegals and legal professionals in their career growth.



## Read the SAPA Newsletter and Win~!

Would you like to win a \$20 Amazon e-gift card?

**Read this issue** of the SAPA Sentinel and be the 10th *person to correctly* answer the question below and email the response to [newsletter@saparalegal.org](mailto:newsletter@saparalegal.org).

The monthly winner will receive a \$20 Amazon e-gift card to be mailed directly to them! Be sure you include the correct email address at which you would like to receive the e-gift card.

One winner per month.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO.....**

**THIS MONTH'S READ and WIN QUESTION:**

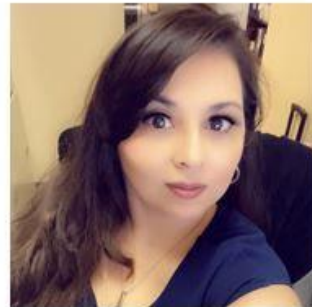
**What day is the "Stuff the Bus" event?**

**This newsletter is for our members and associates look forward for it to be more interactive and entertaining!**

**Please feel free to email me ideas and suggestions!**

[newsletter@saparalegal.org](mailto:newsletter@saparalegal.org)

## President's Message



As the newly elected President of the San Antonio Paralegal Association, I am honored and excited to serve you all in this capacity. It is my pleasure to extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you.

I want to take a moment to extend a special welcome to our new board members who have graciously accepted the responsibility of serving the San Antonio Paralegal Association. Your willingness to volunteer your time and expertise is commendable, and I have no doubt that your contributions will greatly enrich our association. Thank you for stepping up to this important role.

As we embark on this new chapter together, I encourage each of you to actively engage in our association's activities and take full advantage of the opportunities available to you. We have an exciting lineup of CLEs and membership socials planned for the coming year. These gatherings provide invaluable chances to expand your professional network, enhance your skills, and stay up to date with the latest developments in the field.

Additionally, I want to assure you that your voices and opinions matter. I am committed to promoting open communication and transparency within our association. Your ideas, suggestions, and feedback will help shape our future endeavors, ensuring that we continue to serve you effectively.

I invite you to stay connected with us through our various communication channels, including our website, newsletters, and social media platforms. These platforms will keep you informed about upcoming events, educational resources, job opportunities, and other relevant information.

Finally, I want to reiterate that the success of our association is a collective effort. Together, we can elevate the paralegal profession in San Antonio, inspire each other, and make a positive impact on the legal community.

Thank you to all the board members, past and present, for your dedication and commitment to the San Antonio Paralegal Association. I look forward to meeting and working with each one of you in the days and months to come.

**Be sure to say hello to our new SAPA Board for 2023-2024:**

**President – Diana Olack**

**President-Elect – Kathryn Flores**

**Secretary – Priscilla Pesina**

**Treasurer – Rosa Barrera**

**Parliamentarian – Heidi Helstrom**

NALA Liaison – Susi Boss

Newsletter Director – Elaine Simons

Membership Director - Lisa Gutierrez

Education/Mentor Director – Gricelda Gonzales

Public Relations Director – Priscilla Nash

**Several of our Sustaining Members are set up to assist the legal community electronically. Please reach out to them with your needs.**

- **Kim Tindall & Associates, A Magna Legal Service Company**
- **Texas Medical Legal Consultants, LLC**
- **Lexitas**
- **Preferred Counsel**
- **Veritext**
- **Blend Document Technologies**
- **Hill Country Litigation Services**
- **L.O.R.R. (Law & Order Record Retrieval)**
- **Capitol Services**
- **County Records.com**
- **The Legal Connection**
- **Texas File**

**Please support SAPA Sustaining Members.**

**Without their support we would be unable to hold  
awesome CLE Seminars and monthly**

**CLE luncheons!**

**SAPA is proud to Spotlight Our Sponsors for our**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual**

**Summer Fling on the Riverwalk with SAPA 2023**



*We cannot be successful without you! Thank you for all the donations and time spent!*

**Kim Tindall & Associates, A Magna Legal Service Company**

**Texas File**

**County Records**

**Texas Medical Legal Consultants, LLC**

**The Legal Connection**

**Preferred Counsel**

**Goldstein & Orr**

**Tessmer Law Firm**

**L.O.R.R. (Law & Order Record Retrieval)**

**Lexitas**

**Tessmer Law Firm, P.L.L.C.**

**Susi Boss**

**\* \* \* Membership Renewal Time \* \* \***

**We value our members and look forward to seeing everyone at our events throughout 2023.**

**We will be hosting a Membership Social in August, and new memberships will be 1/2 price! (Excluding Student Members)**

**Be sure to tell anybody that would be interested in joining!**

**For more information about his upcoming event, please email [membership@saparalegal.com](mailto:membership@saparalegal.com).**

**JOIN US!! JULY CLE LUNCHEON**



**Danielle Rushing Behrends**

**Dykema Gossett, P.L.L.C.**  
**July CLE Luncheon**

**Date/Time:** Thursday, July 27, 202

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Speaker:** Danielle Rushing Behrends

Dykema Gossett, PLLC

**Topic:** Chapter 11 Bankruptcy and Alternatives

**Location:** Guillermo's, 618 McCullough Ave, 1836 Room

San Antonio, TX 78215

**Cost:** Members: \$35 / Non-Members: \$40

**Menu:** Buffet Style includes Meat Lasagna Casserole, Shrimp Scampi Grilled Vegetable Pasta, Fettuccine Chicken Alfredo, Pizza, Sandwiches, Salad, Fruit, Cheese Pesto and Tea

**Link for Registration:** [www.saparalegal.org](http://www.saparalegal.org)

**Please Register in Advance....Space Limited!**

You have the option to pay online with credit card or to be invoiced.

If invoiced, you must pay by cash or check on the date of the event.

**\*\*\*\*\*No Shows will be invoiced\*\*\*\*\***

**\*\*\*\*\*Cancellations should be made no later than**

**5:00 pm, Monday, July 24, 2023\*\*\*\*\***

**\*\*\*\*\*NO refunds for registrations will be available after that date due to contractual obligations with venue\*\*\*\*\***

If you have any questions, please contact SAPA's Education Director: [education@saparalegal.org](mailto:education@saparalegal.org)  
Register Now!

<https://saparalegal.org/event-5338665>



**Paralegal Division, State Bar of  
Texas - District 5**





## **Paralegal Division – District 5**

The Paralegal Division Board of Directors held its annual meeting on June 9-10, 2023, in Dallas. The PD President's theme for this year is "Leading a Legacy." The online Merriam-Webster dictionary defines "legacy" as something transmitted by or received from one person to another. Our legacy are the values, traditions, and experiences we make for future generations of paralegals. This means that it is the perfect time for us to reflect and be intentional about what we want our legacy to be for future generations.

As your Director and proud member of District 5, I'm inviting each of you to join me in inspiring others to strive for greatness. Let's be purposeful in our interactions and create lasting stories that are thoughtful and positive. The best way for us to be "Leading a Legacy" and inspiring others to do the same is by volunteering, networking, attending CLEs, and deepening our professional presence. Throughout the 2023-2024 year, District 5 will be holding volunteer opportunities, a membership social, online CLEs, and an in-person CLE workshop. To learn more about opportunities available, stay tuned to the Pulse newsletter, visit the PD calendar posted on the website, or reach out to me at any time at [District5@txpd.org](mailto:District5@txpd.org). Looking forward to strengthening our legacy with you!

### **TAPS 2023 – Scholarship Application**

The Paralegal Division will be awarding up to two (2) educational scholarships for the three-day registration fee. This is to attend the "I Spy CLE – TAPS 2023" seminar on September 27-29, 2023, in Frisco. **Scholarship Application Deadline is July 14, 2023!** The scholarship application can be found [HERE](#).

### **STUFF THE BUS – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The "Stuff The Bus" School Supply Drive is scheduled for *Saturday, August 5, 2023*. District 5 has been assigned to volunteer at the **HEB located at 8503 NW Military, San Antonio, TX 78231**.

We need volunteers for the following the shifts:

9:00am -11:00am – 3 volunteers

11:00am -1:00pm – 3volunteers

1:00 - 3:00pm – 3 volunteers

Please contact me with any questions, suggestions, or ideas at:  
[District5@txpd.org](mailto:District5@txpd.org).

Respectfully,

Pearl Garza

District 5 Director

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

**SAPA Board of Director's Meeting**

**August 1, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Location: Higdon, Hardy & Zuflacht, L.L.P.**

**12000 Huebner Road, Suite 200**

**San Antonio, Texas 78230**

**State Bar of Texas**

**Paralegal Division**

**2023 TAPS Registration is now open.**

**This year's theme: I Spy CLE - TAPS 2023**

**September 27 – 29, 2023**

**Embassy Suites Hotel and Convention Center, Frisco, Texas**

**Membership Social in August –**

**Date TBA**

**20<sup>th</sup> Annual**

**San Antonio Paralegal Day Celebration and  
recognition of *Paralegal of the Year***

**Your presence is requested on**

**October 20, 2023**

**11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m.**

**Norris Conference Center**

**Speaker: TBD**

**SHOUT OUTS**

**WELCOME HERE!**

EMAIL ME THE NAME OF A PARALEGAL  
THAT DESERVES A SHOUT OUT!

[newsletter@saparalegal.org](mailto:newsletter@saparalegal.org)

I want to do a shoutout to Susi Boss of

Higdon, Hardy & Zuflacht, L.L.P.

Susi always goes above and beyond to help us all! We will  
never be able to thank her enough! - Elaine Simons



**IN THE COMMUNITY**

## **Pro Bono Opportunity with San Antonio Legal Services Association (SALSA)**

I am Priscilla Nash the Treasurer for SAPA and I volunteer with SALSA in the intake process with the “Don’t Bully Me Project” and they are currently looking for more volunteers. Please take time to read below and click on the link to sign up. If you have any questions about this program, please reach out to me at [treasurer@saparalegal.org](mailto:treasurer@saparalegal.org) and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

San Antonio Legal Services Association (SALSA) is seeking paralegal volunteers to assist with its Pro Bono program aimed at stopping serious bullying and cyberbullying of children all across Texas. SALSA is partnered with the David's Legacy Foundation to conduct intake with parents statewide and refer appropriate cases to volunteer attorneys as part of its "Don't Bully Me" (DBM) project. Volunteers will assist in the intake process by discussing issues with parents and determining if cases should be referred for pro bono placement. Volunteers can be located anywhere in Texas and will receive comprehensive training. If you are interested to assist in this important project, please fill out a volunteer form here: <https://www.sa-lsa.org/volunteerform/>

## ***EVENTS THIS WEEKEND***

### *in San Antonio*

**Sun Rays and Strays Dog Adoption Event** | Saturday, July 15 from 10AM to 2PM at the Alamo Quarry Market

**STEM Activity with the DoSeum** | Saturday, July 15 at 4PM at the Potranco Library

**Imaginary Worlds: Once Upon a Time** | Saturday, July 15 from 8AM to 7PM at the San Antonio Botanical Gardens

**CineFestival** | Saturday, July 15 from 10AM to 10PM at the Historic Guadalupe Theater

**Bubbles + Bagels Brunch on a Boat** | Sunday, July 16 from 10:30AM to 11:30AM at Landrace - 111 Lexington Avenue

**Sunday Drag Brunch** | Sunday, July 16 from 11AM to 3PM at Picks Bar

**"Women Forward" Art Exhibition** | Sunday, July 16 from 12PM to 8PM at the Blue Star Arts Complex



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

**Lindsey Rish – July 1**

**Frances Flores – July 2**

**Susi Boss – July 4**

**Priscilla Pesina – July 4**

**Cherokee Cooper-Massar – July 7**

**Elexces Weams – July 7**

**Terii Lopez – July 7**

**Vanessa Lopez – July 8**

**Veronica Ruiz – July 13**  
**Cynthia Martinez – July 14**  
**Regina Karako – July 17**  
**Sonja Libby – July 17**  
**Mary Ann Rogers – July 17**  
**Michelle Murdoch – July 20**  
**Robert Long – July 22**  
**Jenny Marshall – July 25**  
**Audrey Jandorek – July 30**

## **LET'S SEE YOUR PET PICS!**

**We love pets and want to see yours! Please send me your pet pics at**

**[newsletter@saparalegal.org](mailto:newsletter@saparalegal.org)**

Photo submitted by Elaine Simons

SAPA Newsletter Director

This is Tator Tot!



# Recipe Corner!

Email me your favorite recipe to share!



## Recipe Corner



### Fiesta Chicken 30 Minutes in 1 Skillet

#### Ingredients:

- 2 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 lb. boneless skinless chicken breasts cut into bite-size pieces
- ½ medium yellow onion or red onion, chopped (about 1 cup)
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 2 teaspoons onion powder
- 1 ½ teaspoons paprika
- 1 ½ teaspoons dried dillweed
- ½ teaspoon cumin
- ½ teaspoon kosher salt
- ½ teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 medium red bell pepper cored and chopped
- 1 medium green bell pepper cored and chopped
- 1 can reduced-sodium black beans (15 ounces) rinsed and drained
- 1 can fire-roasted diced tomatoes in their juices (15 oz.)
- 1 ½ cups instant brown rice
- 1 cup low-sodium chicken stock
- ¾ cup freshly grated cheddar cheese

#### Instructions:

- Heat the olive oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add the chicken, onion, garlic powder, onion powder, paprika, dill, salt, cumin, and cayenne pepper. Sauté, stirring often, for 3 minutes, until the chicken begins to brown on the outside.
- Stir in the red bell pepper, green bell pepper, black beans, tomatoes, rice, and chicken stock.
- Bring to a boil, and then cover and simmer on low heat for 5 minutes, or until the chicken is done and the rice is nearly tender. Let stand, covered, for 5 minutes, until the liquid is absorbed.
- Taste and adjust seasonings as desired. Sprinkle with cheese and any additional desired toppings. Serve warm.



## **\* \* Paralegal Positions \* \* \***

If you are looking to make a move or just want to checkout new opportunities, see our JOB BOARD.

San Antonio Paralegal Association

[View More Jobs](#)





# 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**

For more information contact:  
[mentorprogram@xpd.org](mailto:mentorprogram@xpd.org)



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.
- 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.



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

