

The SAPA Sentinel: March 2022



SAN ANTONIO PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION

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

President's Message



Dear SAPA Members:

Happy Spring Break!! I hope everyone has a great Spring Break planned! *Remember we spring forward on Sunday, March 13th.*

Our Sustaining Members Luncheon was on February 17, 2022. We had a great member turnout and I want to thank all the vendors who attended! We could not do what we do without you!

Our March CLE Luncheon will be on March 17, 2022, at Guenther House, 205 E. Guenther Street, San Antonio, Texas 78204. Our special guest speaker will be Amy Geistweidt from Higdon, Hardy & Zuflacht, LLP, and the topic is “Collaborative Law.” So, if you have not registered, please do so.

If you have a topic that you want to have heard as a CLE, please reach out to any board member.

As a reminder, it is time to renew your membership. You can easily do this on our website or reaching out to a board member. And, if you know of someone who would like to join us, refer them to us! Our members are the best advertising that we can ask for.

We are still looking for board members for the 2022-2023 board year. If you are interested in serving on the board, please reach out to any board member.

If you want us to spotlight a member of SAPA, please reach out to me or any member of the board.

Finally, following are this year’s board members:

Rocio Mayes – President Elect

Phoebe Glombik – Secretary

Priscilla Nash – Treasurer

Jessica “Jess” Spain – Parliamentarian

JoAnn Trevino – NALA Liaison

Diana Olack – Education Director

Marcy Castanon – Newsletter Director

Stephen Herrera – Technology Director

Kathryn Flores – Social Media

Finally, we are always open to new ideas, so be sure to reach out to me or a member of the board.

Elaine Simons, CP

President

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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**
- **Lexitas**
- **Preferred Counsel**
- **Blend Document Technology**
- **Hill Country Litigation Services**
- **L.O.R.R. (Law & Order Record Retrieval)**
- **Gulfstream Legal Group**
- **Capitol Services**
- **PIMLAR**
- **TxMLC**

SAPA is proud to Spotlight Sustaining Member

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In our March 2022 Newsletter



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Please support SAPA Sustaining Members. We are able hold our in-person CLE luncheons because of their support.

It's SAPA membership renewal time. Make sure to renew your membership as soon as possible to enjoy the full benefits of our organization.

SAPA CLE luncheons are in-person. Please keep an eye out for our email blasts and check out the SAPA Newsletter and Website for updates.

SAPA March Luncheon

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

Speaker: Amy Geistweidt

Higdon, Hardy & Zuflacht, LLP

Topic: "Collaborative Law"

Location: Guenther House

205 E. Guenther Street, San Antonio, Texas 78204

Cost: Members: \$25 or Non-Members: \$30

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 tea or coffee.

Cherry Strudel with cream cheese filling

Register

Paralegal Division – District 5

NOMINATIONS for the Exceptional Pro Bono Service Award are now open.

Do you know of a District 5 member who should be recognized for their pro bono activities? Complete the nomination form found at <https://txpd.org/membership/exceptional-pro-bono-service-award/> and return it **no later than March 31, 2022**. For questions, contact ProBonoChair@txpd.org.

REMINDER to get your CLE hours before May 31st! Active and associate members are required to obtain 6 CLE hours for renewal, 1 of which must be legal ethics. Two of the six hours can be self-study or pro bono, but they cannot replace the legal ethics requirement. Visit the PD website for upcoming CLE opportunities.

SAVE THE DATE! We asked Texas Paralegals ... Where do you go for CLE, networking, socials and fellowship? And the **"SURVEY SAYS – TAPS 2022!"** Mark your calendars for **September 28-30, 2022**, at the Sheraton Downtown Fort Worth. Stay tuned for more details on registration and speakers.

The San Antonio Legal Services Association (SALSA) is **looking for volunteers to assist attorneys in Cyberbullying Project**. This initiative is sponsored by the family of a young student who took his life after repeated cyberbullying.

Commitment is 2-3 hours per month for a year. If you are interested, please reach out to Susan Wilen via email at susan.wilen@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH is this March. The late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, recognized for her commitment to gender equity and human rights, will posthumously receive the National Museum of American History's signature honor, the "Great Americans" medal. Her children will accept the medal on their mother's behalf on March 30, 2022. Visit <https://smithsonianmah.swoogo.com/RBG> to register for the free virtual ceremony.

"Fight for the things that you care about but do it in a way that will lead others to join you." ~ Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Please contact Pearl Garza, District 5 Director, with any questions or suggestions at: District5@txpd.org.



SAPA OUT IN THE COMMUNITY

SAPA Members have an opportunity to assist SALSA

SALSA requests assistance from the paralegal community to help provide representation to Spanish-speaking clients. They are looking for paralegals to assist with translation for these clients so that their SALSA volunteer attorneys can provide wills, medical POAs, statutory durable POAs, declarations of guardianships, HIPAA releases, and physicians directives to qualifying clients seeking estate planning documents. All contact with the client occurs remotely.

Click the link below to sign-up for the paralegal wills program.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Join Us on April 21, 2022 for monthly CLE

Speaker: Phoebe Glombik, Paralegal

Langley & Banack, Incorporated

Location: TBD

Keep an eye out for additional information in the coming weeks.



NALA Study Group

Welcome 2022 NALA Study Group!

*Our next meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.
Send a message to the following email account if you're interested in
attending: nala@saparalegal.org*

JoAnn Trevino
NALA Liaison
nala@saparalegal.org

NALA - Up Coming Webinars
[Click Here](#)

Wednesday, April 6, 2022:
SAPA Board of Director's Meeting

6:15 p.m.

In person meeting at Tessmer Law Firm located at 7550 IH 10, Suite 1201, San Antonio, Texas 78229
and via Zoom.

Please email president@saparalegal.org for Zoom link.



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@tspd.org



MENTOR



MEMBERSHIP
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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!