

# The SAPA Sentinel: May 2022



## **SAN ANTONIO PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION**

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

### **President's Message**



Dear SAPA Members:

Happy May! It is hard to believe Summer is almost here!

Our April CLE Luncheon was held at Embassy Suites by Hilton, 10110 US Hwy. 281 North, San Antonio, Texas 78216. Our very own Phoebe Glombik, with Langley and Banack Law Firm, was our guest speaker and her topic was “Perfecting the Client Intake: A Guide for Paralegals.” I understand it was a big hit and that Phoebe did a great job!

Our May CLE Luncheon will be held on May 19, 2022, at Alamo Café, 10060 IH 10, San Antonio, Texas, 78230. Our guest speaker is Jessica Schurig, J.D. and she will be discussing how social media can help with your case. If you have not registered, please do so soon.

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

We will be hosting an all-day CLE event on June 24<sup>th</sup>, on the Riverwalk, so be sure to save this date for our “*Summer Fling on the Riverwalk with SAPA.*” The event will be held at Hyatt Place – Riverwalk, 601 S. St. Mary’s Street, San Antonio, Texas. The hotel is offering a special rate of \$149.00/night if you would like to stay June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the hotel. The following link will have the reservation information for the hotel.

[https://www.hyatt.com/shop/satzr?location=Hyatt%20Place%20San%20Antonio%20Riverwalk&checkinDate=2022-06-23&checkoutDate=2022-06-24&rooms=1&adults=1&kids=0&corp\\_id=G-SAPA](https://www.hyatt.com/shop/satzr?location=Hyatt%20Place%20San%20Antonio%20Riverwalk&checkinDate=2022-06-23&checkoutDate=2022-06-24&rooms=1&adults=1&kids=0&corp_id=G-SAPA)

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. You can also attend our next board meeting, which is May 11, 2022, at Tessmer Law Firm, 7550 IH-10 West, Suite 1201, San Antonio, Texas, 78229 at 6:00 p.m.

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

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**
- **TexasFile**
- **County Records.com**

SAPA is proud to Spotlight Sustaining Member

**CountyRecords.Com**

In our May 2022 Newsletter



**CountyRecords.com has been providing online access to documents filed with county clerks across Texas, New Mexico and**

Oklahoma since 2000. They are the flagship of the halfFILE Systems Corporations Data Commerce Business.

**Contact: 877.425.3453**

**115 Kohlers Crossing, Suite 440**

**Kyle, Texas 78640**

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 May Luncheon**

**Date/Time:** Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

**Speaker:** Jessica Schurig, J.D., Senior Litigation Consultant

Magna Legal Services

**Topic:** "Social Media Can Help Win Your Case"

**Location:** Alamo Café, Bonham Room

10060 IH-10, San Antonio, Texas 78230

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

***Plated Entrée Banquet Menu***

***(choose one of the three - in advance)***

***Sizzling fajitas***

*Tender strips of charbroiled beef and chicken on a sizzling skillet  
with sautéed bell Peppers and onions served with rice, beans, pico-de-gallo,  
guacamole and our famous flour tortillas*

***Fiesta platter***

*Cheese enchilada, crispy beef Taco, bean and cheese chalupa and tostada,  
con queso, served with rice and beans*

***Fajita in Ensalada***

*Crisp mixed greens topped with charbroil beef and chicken fajitas,  
American and Jack cheese, tomatoes, and fresh guacamole*

[Register](#)



**Jessica Schurig, J.D.**

**Senior Litigation Consultant**

**Magna Legal Services**



Jessica brings two decades of trial consulting and legal experience to her role as a trusted advisor in high-stakes lawsuits. She uses her understanding of jury decision-making and persuasive messaging to help clients translate complex legal issues into clear, compelling themes and winning strategies. Jessica specializes in mock trial research, witness preparation, jury selection, shadow juries, trial strategy and theme development. Her practice is focused on commercial litigation with most cases involving issues of intellectual property, securities and fraud, toxic and mass tort, employment, product liability, and catastrophic injury.

Some of her most notable experience involved multimillion-dollar patent infringement cases in the computer networking technology industry as well as numerous trademark, trade secret, and copyright lawsuits involving high profile Silicon Valley tech companies. Jessica has also worked on behalf of many of the nation's largest insurance carriers on a wide range of cases including automobile and aircraft defects, employer premises liability, defective consumer products, asbestos exposure, and high-risk activities such as scuba diving.

Prior to joining Magna, Jessica was the founder and principal of her own firm, Trial IQ, and was previously a Senior Trial Consultant with national firm, JuryScope. She has delivered Continuing Legal Education courses and presentations for law firms across the country and for West Legal Education Center. Jessica earned a J.D. from Golden Gate University School of Law in San Francisco and a B.A. in Political Science from the University of California, Santa Cruz. She is a member of the American Society of Trial Consultants.

### **Paralegal Division – District 5**

**FREE CLE Webinar for PD members on May 11, 2022 at 12:00 noon. Visit the PD website for webcast link. SPEAKER: Jason Boulette, Partner at Boulette & Golden & Marin LLP, Austin, Texas. TOPIC: Employment Law and will be on “Non-Competes.” Jason will cover the standard for securing injunctive relief, the enforceability of agreements restricting post-employment competition, and the impact on recruitment and retention efforts.**

**REMINDER to get your CLE hours before May 31, 2022.** 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.

**TAPS 2022 Scholarship Application available now.** PD will award up to two (2) educational scholarships for the three-day registration fee. Applicant is required to submit a written essay on the following: *“What brought you to the paralegal profession and why do you feel CLE is important?”* For guidelines and link to the Scholarship Application: <https://txpd.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Scholarship-Application-2022.pdf>

Welcome May!

M – Make this month count.

A – Accomplish your goals.

Y – You can do this.

To all moms ... Thank you for always taking care of us, for all the hugs, words of encouragement, and impeccable patience through the years. Wishing you a blessed and HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

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

### **Registration Now Open**

**Full-day CLE**

**June 24, 2022**

**8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

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

**Hyatt Place - Riverwalk  
601 S. St. Mary's  
San Antonio, Texas 78205**

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**Speakers:**

**Criminal Law** - ADA Meli Powers

**Family Law** - Charles Hardy @ HHZ

**Probate Law** - Aridssa Martinez (Staff Attorney from Probate Ct 2) and  
Martin Collins (Staff Attorney from Probate Ct 1)

**Personal Injury Law** - Javier Espinoza @ Espinoza Law Firm

**Real Estate Law** - Carlo Garcia @ Oliva Saks

**Employment Law** – Mark Sanchez @ Sanchez & Wilson

**Technology** – Chase Hardy @ Griffin Purnell, LLC

**Cost:** \$65 for Members/\$75 for non-members if they register by **June 10th** and after June 10th it will be \$80 for Members and \$90 for Non-Members ***Parking included for those who register on or before June 10<sup>th</sup>, After June 10<sup>th</sup> its \$12. Space is limited to 50 people. Please register early. No Walk-ins.***

**\*\*\* Lunch, Snacks and Drinks provided \*\*\***

**NALA Study Group**

*Welcome 2022 NALA Study Group!*

*Our next meeting is scheduled for May 16, 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](mailto:nala@saparalegal.org)*

**JoAnn Trevino**

NALA Liaison

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

**NALA - Up Coming Webinars**

**[Click Here](#)**

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

**Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 6:15 p.m.**

In person meeting at Tessmer Law Firm located at 7550 IH 10, Suite 1201, San Antonio, Texas 78229. All members are welcome to join us. Please email [president@saparalegal.org](mailto: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**

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



MENTOR



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!

## **JOB POSTING**

### **Paralegal Needed**

Pearson Legal, PC



San Antonio, TX

\$50,000 to \$60,000 base salary plus bonuses

Hybrid work from home / office schedule

Medium-sized contingency plaintiff litigation firm with statewide practice is currently seeking candidates for a paralegal position in their downtown San Antonio office. The ideal candidate for this opportunity will have at minimum:

3 years of litigation experience

Complex case document management experience with E-Discovery software

Knowledge and experience with litigation, including trial support software

Excellent oral and written communication skills; and

Strong interpersonal, organizational, and time management skills.

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