



- The first Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621 over a three-day harvest festival. It included 50 Pilgrims, 90 Wampanoag Indians, and lasted three days. It is believed by historians that only five women were present.
- Turkey wasn't on the menu at the first Thanksgiving. Venison, duck, goose, oysters, lobster, eel, and fish were likely served, alongside pumpkins and cranberries (but not pumpkin pie or cranberry sauce!).
- Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving a national holiday on October 3, 1863. Sarah Josepha Hale, the woman who wrote "Mary Had a Little Lamb," convinced Lincoln to make Thanksgiving a national holiday after writing letters for 17 years.
- The history of U.S. presidents pardoning turkeys is patchy. Harry Truman is often credited with being the first president to pardon a turkey, but that's not quite true. He was the first to receive a ceremonial turkey from the National Turkey Federation – and he had it for dinner. John F. Kennedy was the first to let a Thanksgiving turkey go, followed by Richard Nixon who sent his turkey to a petting zoo. George H.W. Bush is the president who formalized the turkey pardoning tradition in 1989.
- There are four towns in the United States named "Turkey." They can be found in Arizona, Texas, Louisiana, and North Carolina.
- The average number of calories consumed on Thanksgiving is 4,500.
- Butterball answers more than 100,000 turkey-cooking questions via their Butterball Turkey Hotline each November and December.
- The tradition of football on Thanksgiving began in 1876 with a game between Yale and Princeton. The first NFL games were played on Thanksgiving in 1920.

- More than 54 million Americans are expected to travel during the Thanksgiving holiday this year. That's up 4.8% from last year.

Welcome to YOUR SAPA Sentinel: November 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.

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.....

Susi Boss!

OCTOBER'S READ *and* WIN QUESTION:

Name one of our New Vendors

CORRECT ANSWER: UNISOURCE DISCOVERY, SCRIBE,

AND COMPEX LEGAL

READ *and* WIN QUESTION FOR NOVEMBER:

How many turkeys can you find throughout the Newsletter?

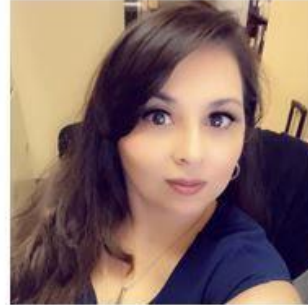
GOOD LUCK!

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

President's Message



I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to all our members for joining us at the 20th Annual Paralegal Day Celebration. It was a fantastic event, and your presence made it truly special. I'd also like to extend a big thank you to all our Sustaining Members for their invaluable contributions in making this celebration possible.

I'm thrilled to announce that our first educational scholarship recipient is Terii Lopez, CP. Congratulations, Terii, on this well-deserved honor. Additionally, our 2023 Paralegal of the Year is Priscilla Nash. Congratulations, Priscilla, for your outstanding achievements in the field.

A heartfelt thank you to the dedicated SAPA board members, the Paralegal Day committee members, and all the wonderful members of the District 5 Paralegal Division who contributed their time and effort to make the Paralegal Day celebration a resounding success. Your hard work and commitment are truly appreciated. Let's continue to make our associations proud with each event we host. Thank you!

If you missed this year's celebration, fret not! The committee is already hard at work planning surprises to make next year's Paralegal Day Celebration even more remarkable. You won't want to miss it.

We have a busy week ahead at SAPA. On November 15, from 5:30 to 9 pm, we will be hosting a dinner for our charity, "For I Am Her." Please contact our Public Relations Director, Priscilla Nash, to discuss your menu contribution.

Join us for our CLE luncheon on November 16th at the Guenther House, starting at noon. The topic for discussion will be "Social Security Administration: Who Qualifies for Social Security Disability Benefits."

And for those of you looking for some Spurs action, sign up for the Spurs CLE night on Saturday, November 18. You can register by following the link or scanning the QR code on the flyer. Your registration includes one hour of CLE, one drink ticket, and a game ticket for the Spurs versus Memphis game. Ticket prices will depend on seating.

Thank you once again for your support and dedication to SAPA. We look forward to an exciting week and future events.

DIANA OLACK



SAPA IS HOSTING DINNER

**FOR
HER** TABLE:

**PERSONAL FINANCE
WITH JASMINE PAUL**

NOVEMBER 15, 2023

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

(set up will be at 5:30 the day of the event)

**8546 BROADWAY, SUITE 255
SA, TX 78217**



We would love for you to come join us to share a meal with the women that FOR HER connects with and mentors.

If you are interested in helping, please reach out to Priscilla Nash at publicrelations@saparalegal.org. This is a great way to give back to our community. We will contact you prior to the event with what we need help with.

Please support SAPA Sustaining Members.

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

CLE luncheons!

- Blend Document Technologies
- Capitol Services
- Compex Legal (* New Vendor)
- [County Records.com](http://CountyRecords.com)
- Hill Country Litigation Services
- Lexitas
- L.O.R.R. (Law & Order Record Retrieval)
- Magna Legal Services
- Preferred Counsel
- Scribe (* New Vendor)
- Texas File
- Texas Medical Legal Consultants, LLC
- The Legal Connection
- Unisource Discovery (* New Vendor)
- Veritext

SAPA is proud to announce that *CAPITOL SERVICES* are in the spotlight!



IT'S OUR PEOPLE WHO REALLY MAKE US DIFFERENT.

Our leadership consists of experienced women and men that span three generations. We feel that balanced gender representation plays a significant role in understanding the needs of our employees and customers alike. Our leadership is capable, encouraging, supportive, creative, and open-minded. This level of support and understanding has a positive impact on employee engagement and retention, which in turn corresponds to service that goes Above and Beyond.

Our highly-experienced staff understands what you need and takes meeting your needs seriously. It's their passion for personal service mixed with the right dose of fun that keeps our employees engaged. This is probably why we've consistently been named one of the "Best Places to Work" by the *Austin American-Statesman*. Our level of employee commitment gives you the experience and dependability you need.

When you call us, you'll be greeted by a human voice. We don't believe in automated phone systems. And, rather than forcing you to work with an unfamiliar service representative or team, we give you the freedom to build your dream team. With Capitol Services, you will be able to work with people you know and trust. With a strong employee and customer-focused identity, Capitol Services is committed to our culture and the people who make us different.

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

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

We value our members and look forward to seeing everyone at our events throughout 2023 and 2024!!

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

For more information about his upcoming event, please email membership@saparalegal.com.

JOIN US!! NOVEMBER CLE LUNCHEON

November CLE Luncheon

Date/Time: Thursday, November 16, 2023

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

Speaker: Christopher Le, Attorney

The Law Office of Christopher Le

Topic: Social Security Administration -

Who Qualifies for SS Disability Benefits?

Location: Guenther House

205 E. Guenther Street

San Antonio, TX 78204

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

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) with Cherry Strudel with a sweetened cream cheese filling

Link for Registration: <https://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, November 13, 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

 Spotlight Vendor
Capital Services



NOVEMBER CLE LUNCHEON

**SOCIAL SECURITY
ADMINISTRATION-“WHO QUALIFIES
FOR SS DISABILITY BENEFITS?”**

**SPEAKER: CHRISTOPHER LE, ATTORNEY
THE LAW OFFICE OF CHRISTOPHER LE**

Gunther House • 205 E. Guenther St., SA TX 78204

November 16, 2023 • 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Register
early.
Limited
seating.

**Cost: \$35 Members
\$40 Non-Members
Free for Sustaining Members**



Paralegal Division, State Bar of Texas - District 5



Let me start by saying that I truly enjoyed seeing y'all at the 20th Annual San Antonio Paralegal Day Celebration. We had a great turnout! Please join me in extending special thanks to our esteemed keynote speakers Rhonda J. Brashears, CP, BCP, and Javan Johnson, ACP, TBLS-BCP, for sharing their insights and expertise in the continued growth of our profession and professional organizations.

Congratulations to Priscilla Nash in receiving the 2023 Paralegal of the Year recognition award for her substantial contributions to our profession and service in our community. Congratulations to Terii Lopez, CP, in receiving the first Paralegal Day Educational Scholarship. The scholarship will help support her commitment to continuing legal education.

The Paralegal Day Planning Committee chose Reflejo Court as the 2023 Charity. Reflejo will receive a donation of \$500. Reflejo Court is led by Judge Rosie Speedlin Gonzalez, and it focuses on reducing recidivism through a multidisciplinary team approach that addresses core issues contributing to domestic violence. This donation was made possible through your participation in the fundraisers at the event.

Please join me in thanking the following vendors for their continued support: Preferred Counsel, Law & Order Records Retrieval, Notary.io, Hollerbach & Associates, Blend Litigation Support, TX MLC, Magna Legal Services, Capitol Services, Lexitas, Juris Medicus, and The Legal Connection. Please respond in kind by using our vendors and support them as they support us.

Of course, we could not have had such an amazing event without the dedication of the Paralegal Day Planning Committee. I'm humbled to have chaired the planning committee this year and witness their talents and skills in action. Kudos to their hard work and on a remarkable event!

Looking forward to our 21st celebration next year.

To our District 5 members taking the TBLS Exam this November, we're so proud of you for stepping up to the challenge. We want you to know that you possess all that is necessary to pass the exam. Rejoice that you have already come this far!

In closing, I'd like to personally wish each of you an abundant Thanksgiving! As we count our blessings, know that you are one of them. May your home be filled with family, friends, peace and joy this Holiday season!

SAVE THE DATE – ROUND UP YOUR CLE WITH D5

2nd Annual Round Up Your CLE with D5 will be held on **Friday, February 9, 2024**, from 9 am to 4 pm, at the San Antonio offices of Dykema Gossett PLLC (112 E. Pecan, Ste. 1800, San Antonio, 78205). The seminar will offer 5 hours of CLE in various legal areas, including 1 hour in Ethics. It will also include a continental breakfast, lunch, refreshments, and door prizes! More details to come.

PEARL GARZA

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

SAPA Board of Director's Meeting

December 5, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Duarte Molina

2220 Warner Ave.

San Antonio, Texas 78201



SPURS CLE NIGHT



The SPURS will be hosting this event in the HEB Zone in the Frost Bank Center as the SPURS Legal Team will present a panel discussion and answer pre-submitted questions.

Ticket Package includes:

- Panel session with Spurs legal team
- 1 hour credit towards license
- 1 drink ticket
- Networking Event
- Spurs vs Memphis Game Ticket
- Ticket Link here:

<https://fevo-enterprise.com/Spurscle3>



Purchase Deadline: Nov 18th @ 5:00pm CST

**SATURDAY, NOV. 18, 2023
STARTS AT 5 P.M.
SPURS VS. MEMPHIS**





IN THE COMMUNITY

EVENTS THIS MONTH

in and around town.....

SPRECHEN SIE FUN? NOVEMBER 3RD - 12TH, 2023

Join us for a unique annual celebration rich in German culture and full of Texas fun! Located near the headwaters of the beautiful Comal River in New Braunfels, Texas!

Here you'll enjoy good food, music, dancing, exciting carnival rides and games, German, Texan and domestic beer, special events and the finest in Alpine and Bavarian Style Entertainment.

It all happens at Wurstfest! The best ten days in sausage history.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Valerie Humphreys - November 2

Patssy Zamora - November 10

Ramon Ortegon - November 11

Deirdre Walsh - November 11

Adrian Marie Torres - November 12

Laura James - November 15

Katarina Rome - November 15

Holly Burch - November 25

Rachel Taylor - November 25

Phoebe Glombik - November 25

Pearl Garza - November 28

**PLEASE BE SURE TO UPDATE YOUR PROFILE TO
INCLUDE YOUR BIRTHDAY!!**

*** * 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

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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



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](#)

LET'S SEE YOUR PET PICS!

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

newsletter@saparalegal.org

Your Recipe Corner!

Send me your favorite recipe to share!

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