

Welcome to YOUR SAPA Sentinel:

October 2023- REVISED!

(AND, WE HAVE A WINNER FOR NEWSLETTER TRIVIA...

NO NEED TO SEND IN ANSWER AGAIN)



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.....

Yikes! We didn't have a winner last month! There were not enough responses, to get to the 15th correct answer.

SEPTEMBER'S READ and WIN QUESTION:

What is SAPA's chosen charity for the 2023-2024 term?

CORRECT ANSWER: FOR HER

READ and WIN QUESTION FOR OCTOBER:

Name one of our New Vendors

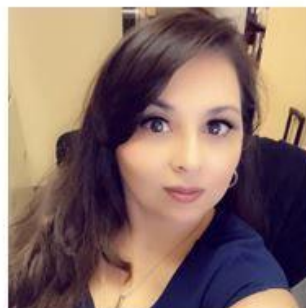
GOOD LUCK!

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'm excited to announce our 20th Annual San Antonio Paralegal Day celebration with the theme, "20 Years: The Evolution of Paralegals Then and Now." This theme reflects the incredible journey and growth of our profession over the past two decades.

Our celebration will take place at the Norris Conference Center, a venue that provides the perfect backdrop for this milestone event. Doors will open at 11:30 AM, allowing you ample time to socialize and connect with fellow members.

The main event will kick off at noon, with an exciting program that includes surprise elements and engaging activities, all centered around the theme of celebrating our progress as paralegals.

To ensure your participation, please remember to register and make your payments by October 10th. Please note that we will not be accepting payments at the door, so secure your spot in advance.

We're thrilled to introduce a few new vendors this year, adding to the excitement of the event. Be sure to bring cash or your credit card to purchase fundraiser tickets for the three different barrels we'll have on-site.

Let's not forget to show our appreciation for our wonderful vendors. Their support is invaluable, and without them, this celebration wouldn't be possible.

During the event, we'll be announcing the scholarship winners and recognizing the Paralegal of the Year. It's a moment to celebrate the achievements within our community.

Our chosen charity for Paralegal Day is "Reflejo Court."

But that's not all! Join us for a Membership Social on October 12th at Hofbrau, where you can become a member and connect with fellow paralegals.

Looking ahead, we're planning a dinner for SAPA's charity event for "I Am For Her" on November 15th. For more information, please reach out to our Public Relations Director, Priscilla Nash.

Lastly, remember that we'll be collecting donation items throughout the year at our luncheons, including Paralegal Day. Your contributions make a difference.

Thank you for being a part of our incredible community. We look forward to seeing you.



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.

***SAN ANTONIO PARALEGAL DAY
CELEBRATION!!!***

OCTOBER 20, 2023

OUR FUNDRAISER THIS YEAR WILL BE 3 BARRELS!!!

WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS!!!

BARREL #1

FAMILY FUN

***Donation Ideas: Board Games, Gift Cards, Passes to Theme Parks,
Tickets to the Zoo***

BARREL #2

SPORTING FUN

***Donation Ideas: Tickets to UTSA Games, Tickets to Spurs Games,
Sports Equipment, Gift Cards***

BARREL #3

OUR FAMOUS BARREL OF BOOZE

***Donation Ideas: Beer, Liquor, Mixes, Gift Cards, Tickets to a Brewery,
Tickets to a Winery***

You may drop donations off at Tessmer Law Firm, P.L.L.C.

7550 IH-10 West, Suite 1201

San Antonio, Texas 78220

Elaine Simons, CP

elaine@tessmerlawfirm.com

Paralegal Day Planning Committee

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

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](#)
- 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 all the vendors are in the spotlight!

In honor of Paralegal Day, October 20, 2023!!



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.

We will be hosting a Membership Social on October 12, 2023, and ANYONE WHO SIGNS ON IN OCTOBER, WILL GET THE LAST 2 MONTHS FOR FREE AND THEIR MEMBERSHIP WILL CONTINUE UNTIL DECEMBER 2024! (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.

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**



San Antonio Paralegal Day Celebration

Join us for the 20th Annual San Antonio Paralegal Day Celebration on **Friday, October 20, 2023**, at the Norris Conference Center. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Our theme this year is **“20 Years – The Evolution of Paralegals (Then & Now).”** We are fortunate to have Ambassadors Rhonda J. Brashears, CP, BCP and Javan Johnson, ACP, TBLS-BCP of the State Bar of Texas Paralegal Division, as our keynote speakers. Registration link: <https://saparalegal.org/>.

TAPS 2023 – iSpy CLE

It was great seeing many of you there! We had a wonderful time participating in the iSpy games, networking with colleagues across Texas, earning CLE hours, and connecting with vendors who make our jobs easier. Remember to save your CLE certificate and log your hours on the PD website. If you have any feedback about the speakers or event, please let us know. Your input is appreciated.

To the TAPS Planning Committee – Thank You for all of your hard work and efforts in putting it together. Congratulations on a successful event! We are already looking forward to TAPS 2024.

PD Board of Directors Meeting

The Paralegal Division Board of Directors held its Fall 2023 Board Meeting on September 29-30, 2023, in Frisco. A few items to share with you (D5 members):

- PD Mentorship - If you are interested in a mentorship (mentor or mentee), please contact Casey Mills, Mentor Program Ad Hoc Committee Chair, at: <https://txpd.org/contact-pages/board-and-committee-contacts/>.
- eGroup Email - We greatly appreciate your efforts in replying to all when adding value to the conversation and sharing templates, forms, and information. Our eGroup is a powerful communication tool and every email we send through it counts. Let's keep it as such and please remember to use "Reply All" wisely.
- Membership Card - If you need to replace your membership card, you may do so by submitting a request online under the Member's Only section of the PD website. The cost for a replacement card is \$25.00.
 - Membership Renewal Spot Audit - Remember to always save copies of your CLE certificates, CLE flyers, and printed information from CLE events. The spot audit is a way to fortify that our PD membership is being compliant with the CLE requirements. If you are being audited, please be conscientious about your CLE earned and respond accordingly and timely. Please reach out to us with any questions.

Taking the TBLS Exam in November?

If so, do not forget to check out the TBLS Helpful Hints Study Guide available on the PD website under My Account. It is exclusive to PD members only.

HAPPY FALL Y'ALL! So thankful for the much-needed rain in our area. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the San Antonio Paralegal Day Celebration on Friday, October 20th!

PEARL GARZA

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

SAPA Board of Director's Meeting

November 7, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Lovorn Law Firm, P.L.L.C.

705 S. Main Street

Boerne, Texas 78006



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

Check out the Texas Board of Law Examiners – July 2023 Pass List here!

July 2023 Pass List

EVENTS THIS MONTH

in and around town.....

Zoo Boo! - The San Antonio Zoo is bringing back its Zoo Boo! for the 2023 Halloween season. The annual, family-friendly celebration includes free trick-or-treating, live music, costume parties, “Monster Mash Dance Parties” and other activities. **Zoo Boo!** runs nightly through Oct. 31.

SeaWorld San Antonio - SeaWorld welcomes families for more treats than tricks during its daytime Halloween Spooktacular, which takes place Thursdays through Sundays until Oct. 29. Guests can enjoy traditional Halloween favorites like trick-or-treating, kid-friendly Halloween shows and characters, creative costumes, and a maze.

Cavern Fall Fest - Every weekend through Oct. 29, Natural Bridge Caverns will be hosting its Cavern Fall Fest with a mini-hay maze, activity stations, live performances from local musicians, photo opportunities, yard games and more. There will also be trick-or-treating on select dates.

San Antonio Pumpkin Festival - This fall celebration is set to take place Thursdays- Sundays through Oct. 29 at 1603 Broadway Street, not far from the Pearl. Event organizers said the festival will have the world’s largest bouncy pumpkin, spanning 2,000 square feet, for both kids and adults to enjoy.

Six Flags Fright Fest - Guests can enjoy the Halloween season on select days through Oct. 31 at Six Flags Fiesta Texas. Tickets are required and no costumes are allowed for guests over the age of 12.

Sundrop Springs Festival - Picture a captivating fall maze, a charming pumpkin patch perfect for photos, and an engaging petting zoo featuring irresistibly cute baby dwarf goats and more at this festival. You can check out the festival across a series of weekends (with a few select weekdays) through Oct. 31.

Car Wash - A San Antonio car wash is giving customers a scary clean car this Halloween season with a haunted holiday tunnel. Super Sudz, located at **6780 Bandera Road**, will transform into a haunted tunnel on select weekends this October.

Texas Transportation Museum - Costumes are encouraged at Spook-Track-Ula, which will offer trick-or-treating and spooky fun for families from 4-9 p.m. on Oct. 21, 22, 28 and 29. Tickets are required.

Pumpkin Play Days - Guests can expect to find a pumpkin patch, games, pumpkin painting activities, hayrides, photo ops, live music and more at Spring Creek Gardens in Spring Branch. The gardens will host **Pumpkin Play Days** on Oct. 21 and 28, which focus on fall-themed activities.

13th Floor - Get your scare on this year at the 13th Floor Haunted House. The venue is open on select nights through Nov. 11. There will be two new themes in the haunted house for 2023 — the Deadlands and the Rot Shop. 13th Floor Haunted House San Antonio is located at [1203 East Commerce Street](#) near downtown San Antonio.

Reba McEntire Corn Maze - One Texas Hill Country corn maze is celebrating the fall season with an homage to the Queen of Country. You can get in on the agritainment at Jenschke Orchards through Oct. 29. The farm is located at 8301 East US Hwy 290 in Fredericksburg.

Dinosaur-Themed Corn Maze - A 10-acre corn maze at San Antonio's Traders Village will be open weekends from Oct. 7 through November. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

"Dreamland" - A new Tim Burton exhibition called "Dreamland" is opening at the McNay to celebrate the 30th anniversary of "The Nightmare Before Christmas." Visitors can step into the world of Burton through Jan. 14, 2024, at the McNay Art Museum, located at [6000 N New Braunfels Avenue](#).



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Sharon Sanchez - October 2

Nicole Rodriguez - October 4

Celeste Leon - October 6

Tina Pena - October 7

Lesley Vanessa Villarreal - October 7

Tina Hill - October 13

Thomas "Ryan" Roehr - October 13

Edith Vela - October 19

Annette Vinton - October 22

Cynthia Garcia - October 24

Alfred Castillo - October 27

Bryan Perez - October 29

Rose Price - October 29

**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

[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



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

Racoon Family

Parker

Submitted by Susi Boss

Submitted by Pearl Garza

Your Recipe Corner!

Send me your favorite recipe to share!

Spooky Spider Cookies

Ingredients:

1 batch of your favorite chocolate cookie dough (homemade or store-bought)

Pretzel sticks (for spider legs)

Chocolate chips (for spider bodies)

Candy eyes

Optional: black icing for decorating

Instructions:

Preheat your oven according to the cookie dough recipe.

Roll the cookie dough into small balls and place them on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper.

Press 4 pretzel sticks into each cookie ball to create the spider legs.

Bake the cookies following your dough recipe's instructions, usually around 10-12 minutes. Make sure the pretzel legs don't burn.

As soon as you remove the cookies from the oven, press chocolate chips into the center of each cookie for the spider bodies.

While the chocolate is still soft, attach candy eyes on top of the chocolate chips.

Let the cookies cool completely.

If desired, use black icing to draw spiderweb patterns on the cookies for added spookiness.

Enjoy your creepy-crawly Spider Cookies at your Halloween party!

Recipe via ChatGPT – Elaine Simons



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

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