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## **A Message from the President:**

### **Passage of Time**

We all like to think we understand time. We hope we mature with grace and understanding, though we insist our youth continues to inhabit our souls.

While the calendar (or our children), remind us that time marches on, the passage of time is revealed by change. The typewriter has been replaced by computers and laptops. Gone are the days of onion skin and carbon paper. Back then, changing a document meant retyping the entire page. The bag phone has been traded for the smart phone. We have had to adapt to the latest cell phone, have been challenged with learning texting and adapting to new Apps. The file folder is slowly being replaced with cloud computing as electronic documents now “fly” instantaneously via cyberspace. Social media has revolutionized the way we communicate with one another. We no longer depend on the US Mail system or phone. We can share messages and information with a few strokes of the keyboard. In the legal field, the blue backers and red ruled paper are being put out to pasture and the days of “an original and two copies” have been replaced with the digital time stamp and electronic filing.

It’s not uncommon to reflect on times gone by and long for the “good old days”. The occasional glance backwards will remind us where we started and at this time, I’d like to take a minute to reflect on MCPA’s history.

The MCPA was founded in October of 1999 by Sharon Jones and Charlene Healey with just nine members. One month after the association was formed, the MCPA was accepted for membership as a voting association to the National Federation of Paralegal Associations (NFPA).

MCPA Presidents include:

- Sharon Jones, Esquire 1999-2000
- Charlene Healey, RP 2001
- Dawn Cignalia, RP 2002
- Joyce O’Brien 2003-2005
- Beth Breckenridge, Pa. C.P. 2006-2008
- Deborah A. Long, Pa. C.P. 2009-2010
- Annette M. Long, CRP 2011 –

In 2011 MCPA added a Social Media Committee which will continue to promote MCPA on Facebook and other media outlets.

MCPA hosted the Spring Region IV meeting for the National Federation of Paralegal Associations. We added a Certification Ambassador and a study group for the PACE and PCC exams. MCPA had four members take and pass the PCC Pilot Exam. Candidates who passed have earned the CORE Registered Paralegal (CRP) credentials. The Board recently voted to implement a Paralegal Scholarship for those interested in taking the PACE and PCC Exams. Look for more information in the coming months.

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We held our first successful Yankee Candle fundraiser and are looking to set up another in 2012.

Having had some of our members volunteer with organizations such as Wills for Heroes and Immigration Day, we are now in the process of forming an official Pro Bono Committee.

Community Outreach collected items for breakfast bags for Aid for Friends, condiments for Manna on Main Street's Sinko de Mayo, gifts for Baptist Children's Ministries, pet supplies for Animal Lifeline and items for the Military Outreach. Members participated in Special Olympics and at the Creek Clean-up for the Wissahickon Valley Watershed. Also, don't forget to turn in your holiday cards for the recycling program to benefit St. Jude's Ranch.

MCPA sponsored a hole at the Legal Aid Golf Classic, donated to the Montgomery Child Advocacy Project and participated in the Mock Trials and the Legal Expo.

A new Social event was added. In celebration of National Paralegal Week, proclaimed by Pennsylvania Governor – the MBA graciously hosted a Happy Hour event at the Whitpain Tavern in July.

So, where are we going in 2012??

The Marketing and Public Relations Committee is currently reviewing and revamping the Marketing and Sponsorship packages; the website is undergoing renovations and we are looking to increase our membership with a direct mailing to law firms in the County. For the first time, we have speakers lined up for all of 2012 and the Planning Committee is working on venues for these events.

In 2012 we will be teaming up with the Montgomery Bar Association as an Affinity Partner. We will host functions at the Bar Building and utilize their facilities and personnel. Discussions will be underway to possibly host a Paralegal Education Event sometime later this year or early next year allowing a Saturday event where we have multiple speakers coming in to present to our Association.

The Bar Association has offered to help us with our List Serve. By providing our membership contact information, we will be given access to the Bar Association "Members Only" section of the website. We will have the availability of doing email blasts to our members as well as receive information on CLE events sponsored by the Bar. As a member of MCPA, we are being offered Bar Association CLE events at member pricing.

Also, look for MCPA Paralegal Articles to begin appearing in the quarterly publication of the "Sidebar" and online.

While looking back to appreciate where we have come from, there are many, many ways for you, our members to become involved with the association. With your participation we will look forward to 2012 being another "banner year" for MCPA.

Borrowing a quote from Martin Luther King, Jr.  
(1929 - 1968), *Strength to Love*, 1963

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

- Annette M. Long, CRP

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*Editor's Correction: Sherry Barag's name was inadvertently omitted under Board Members in the November 2011 issue of the MCPA Today. We sincerely apologize for the oversight.*

## SAVE THE DATE...

**February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Board Meeting**

**Location:**

Elliott Greenleaf & Siedzikowski  
925 Harvest Drive, Suite 300  
Blue Bell, PA

**February 15th**

**Speakers:** Mary Pugh, Esq. and Sharon Jones, Esq.

**Topic:** Montgomery County Child Advocacy Project (MCAP)

**Location:** Giant Conference Center, Willow Grove, PA

**Mark your calendar now.**

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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Congratulations to **Michelle Ciocca** of the Law Offices of Robert A. Stutman who welcomed her son, Gabriel Michael Ciocca, on January 4, 2012.

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**Montgomery County Paralegal Association 2012 Membership Drive**

Dear Colleague:

Thank you for your membership and interest in MCPA during 2011. This marks the end of another exciting year for the MCPA in its continued success benefiting paralegals in Pennsylvania.

Our membership continues to increase. We currently have over 159 members who work in law firms, corporations, banks, life insurance companies, our local courthouses, nonprofit organizations, as well as freelance.

The MCPA continues to maintain its membership with the Keystone Alliance of Paralegal Associations so that our members will continue to have access to the Pennsylvania Certified Paralegal credential\* and so that the MCPA may continue working to promote the paralegal profession in Pennsylvania.

It is once again time for our annual membership drive. For 2012, the dues will remain at \$70 for Voting Members, \$55 for Associate Members, \$25 for Student Members for all renewals received prior to February 15, 2012. For renewals received after that date, the fees increase by \$5 to \$75 for Voting Members, \$60 for Associate Members, and \$30 for Student Members. MCPA annual dues include the yearly membership dues to the National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. and the Keystone Alliance of Paralegal Associations.

If you are currently a Voting, Associate or Student member and wish to renew in the same classification, please complete the form on the next page. If you wish to change membership categories, please complete the Application for Membership found on our Association's web page at [www.montcoparalegals.org](http://www.montcoparalegals.org).

Please return your completed form along with a check made payable to "MCPA" to the address listed on the renewal form. Make sure to return your renewal form by February 15, 2012 to ensure that you remain on our mailing and email lists and to take advantage of last year's membership rates.

New Members are always welcome. Please feel free to copy and share this mailing with your colleagues and friends who may be interested in the MCPA. Applications for new members can be found on our Association's webpage at [www.montcoparalegals.org](http://www.montcoparalegals.org).

Remember to check the Association's website frequently as we update the website regularly with Association news and events. Also check us out on Facebook.

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Tracey L. Barnes, RP, Pa. C.P.  
Chairperson, Membership Committee

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\* While MCPA's Membership in the Keystone Alliance of Paralegal Associations allows MCPA members the opportunity to apply for the Pennsylvania Certified Paralegal credential, MCPA cannot guarantee acceptance; the decision of the Keystone Alliance is final.

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**MCPA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

I would like to renew my membership for 2012 as follows:

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If you have moved, changed phone numbers, have a new e-mail address or changed jobs, please let us know so we can update your records.

If you are interested in joining or gathering further information about any of MCPA's Committees, please circle any of the following and the Committee Chair will contact you to discuss. In particular, the Planning, and Marketing Committees greatly need your assistance.

*Membership   Planning   Newsletter   Marketing   Community Outreach   Student Affairs  
Public Relations   Scholarship*

Please give us your comments and suggestions so that we can work towards making 2012 another great year.

Are you a member in good standing of a NFPA affiliated paralegal organization other than MCPA?"

☐ Yes ☐ No

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## NFPA Update

### CONVENTION NEWS

By: Debbie Arbuckle, Pa. C.P. - NFPA Primary

The 2011 NFPA Convention was held in Minneapolis, MN October 13 through 16, 2011. The host association, the Minnesota Paralegal Association did an excellent job coordinating this event and is to be commended on a job well done. It is a huge undertaking.

On Thursday, 24 CLE seminars were offered. Region Meetings and the Pro Bono conference kept everyone busy on Friday. Region Meetings are a great way to get other viewpoints and perspectives on the agenda topics to be voted on. It's also an opportunity to brainstorm with other associations on topics that are common to all of us – membership retention; sponsorship and how to keep members interested and engaged in the local associations.

There was down time, however. The social event was held at Mall of America with dinner and the choice of mini-golf or the aquarium. While some couldn't wait to get to the Mall to shop, not being much of a shopper myself, I found it kind of overwhelming. The place has a Ferris wheel and roller coaster!

The policy meeting on Saturday and Sunday morning involved delegates discussing agenda topics which encompassed budget items, minor by-law amendments and election of Board Members and Region Directors. For 2012 the NFPA Board consists of:

Tracey L. Young, RP, President  
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Georgette Lovelace, RP, Board Advisor

MCPA is part of Region IV, which includes all of Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey, Maryland, Washington, DC and Northern Virginia. I am proud to report that in 2012, Region IV has 4 representatives on the Board - Bob Hrouda, Jessica Swedenhjelm, Suellen Honeychuck and Val Dolan.

NFPA Update – CONVENTION NEWS (continued)



Region IV – 2011 NFPA Convention, Minneapolis, MN

Just a few updates/reminders:

- The NFPA website will be up and running soon. It was thought that it would be in place by now, but it was a larger undertaking than anticipated. I don't think I'm talking out of turn when I say this is a much anticipated overhaul. The website is not "user friendly" and hopefully, based upon the prototype I saw back in the Spring, you should easily find what you need!
- The Joint Regulation/Leadership/Certification/Ambassador Conference will be held in Nashville, TN April 20 through 23, 2012. Next year's Pro Bono Conference is anticipated to be a webinar in order to be more cost friendly to local associations.
- Many of the seminars from the 2011 Convention are now available through NFPA's education partner, IPE. Just click on the announcement regarding these seminars as it appears on NFPA's home page scrolling banner.
- **Don't forget, the member password for NFPA has recently been changed to "scholarship".**

If you are interested in writing an article for the *National Paralegal Reporter* the deadlines and topics for 2012 so far are:

January 20<sup>th</sup> – Pro Bono; Family Law, AMBER Alert Update (April/May themes)  
March 20<sup>th</sup> – Professional Development & Mentoring (June/July theme)  
May 20<sup>th</sup> – Wills/Trusts/Estates (August/September theme)  
July 20<sup>th</sup> – Personal Injury; Workers' Compensation (October/November theme)  
September 20<sup>th</sup> – Criminal; Legal Research; Identity Theft (December/January theme)

Please contact myself or Sherry Barag, CRP, Pa.C.P. if you have any questions regarding NFPA.

## NFPA Update – CLE's

Many of the seminars from the 2011 NFPA Annual Convention will be available beginning in January 2012 as rebroadcasts and on-demand programs through our education partner, IPE. See below for the dates of 14 rebroadcasts from the Convention. Please use the link provided to register for the programs you are interested in hearing.



**Need CLE's?**  
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**NFPA's 2011 Convention in**  
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Start Date	Times (Eastern)	Title	Event ID
01/05/12	2:00-3:15 PM	Practical Real Estate Applications for the Professional Paralegal – IPE	58570
01/10/12	2:00-3:00 PM	Litigation and the Federal Rules: What Every Paralegal Should Know	57101
01/12/12	1:00-2:15 PM	The Key Stages in Mergers & Acquisitions - The Inside Story for Paralegals	58561
01/17/12	1:00-2:15 PM	How to Prepare and File a Bankruptcy Petition: A Guide for Paralegals	57094
01/19/12	1:00-2:15 PM	Ethics for Paralegals	58564
02/07/12	1:00-2:30 PM	Prep, Pray, Live Through Trial: A Guide for Paralegals	58582
02/15/12	12:00-1:15 PM	The Next Generation: Intelligent Review Technology (IRT) for Paralegals	58562
02/17/12	1:00-2:15 PM	Hot Topics in Attorney-Client Privilege for Paralegals	58578
02/28/12	12:00-1:15 PM	The Paralegal's Guide to Corporate Compliance (Foreign Corrupt Practices Act)	57097
03/01/12	1:00-2:00 PM	The Employment Law Alphabet Soup: A Guide for Paralegals	58595
03/02/12	11:00 AM – 12:15 PM	"When You Write, Get it Right": Communication as the Key to Success for Paralegals	58600
03/06/12	1:00-2:15 PM	Unlocking the Mysteries of Intellectual Property Law for Paralegals	58590
03/09/12	1:00-2:15 PM	Cloud Computing 101 for Paralegals: A Primer on Cloud Computing for the Law Office	58597
03/13/12	12:00-1:00 PM	Promoting the Progress of the Useful Arts: The Paralegal's Guide to What Patent Litigation is Really All About	58574

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## Meeting and Event News – December 2011 Events

### Holiday Social

Chap's Taproom and Sports Grille in Jeffersonville was the scene for the **2011 MCPA Holiday Social**. The room buzzed with the sounds of members visiting, networking, and shopping. Tasty party fare was provided compliments of the MCPA. Many members took the opportunity to get some holiday shopping done by purchasing jewelry, dips, and canvas tote bags created by the following organizations: Women's Bean Project, Bead for Life, and Dining for Women. The proceeds from items sold helps to transform the lives of women in the U.S. and around the world. Learn more at [http://www.beadforlife.org/?gclid=CPm\\_w\\_z-x60CFUPd4AodPkufCg](http://www.beadforlife.org/?gclid=CPm_w_z-x60CFUPd4AodPkufCg) <http://www.womensbeanproject.com/ourprogram.html> and [www.diningforwomen.org](http://www.diningforwomen.org). Many thanks go to Maureen Stankiewicz for organizing the sale. A highlight of the evening was the drawing for door prizes, which were provided by **Harris Investigations**. At the end of the gathering, several announcements were made, including an invitation to members and friends to meet to wrap gifts for the Baptist Children's Services ("BCS") local group home. - Editor

### BCS Wrapping

On December 14<sup>th</sup>, six members and friends of MCPA's **Community Outreach Committee** gave a few hours to wrap gifts for some of the 75 boys and girls in the BCS group home in Royersford. The night of wrapping is just one part of the process that begins months earlier when wish lists are created and generous donors start shopping. Of course, the culmination is on Christmas morning when the boys and girls open their wrapped packages. The recipients and the coordinator of the program shared their thoughts and joys in the thank-yous that follow. – Editor

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BCS Wrapping (continued)

**Many thanks from our kids.....**

James 18 years old: "I am so blessed to have such a great support system in my life during this stressful time. The gifts are more than presents to me; they are a sense of caring ...Many thanks to everyone!!!"

Deon 18 years old: Excited to say the least, replied ... "The best Christmas of my life! I LOVE my new peacoat!! The dufflebag is awesome! Thank you all for my gifts!!"

Robert 16 years old: When asked about his gifts his words of enjoyment were: "I really feel special this Christmas. I never got so many gifts before. Christmas was always a sad time for me. This Christmas was the best of my life! I loved the movie tickets and gift card to Target! I am going to buy boots."

Joe 15 years old: "Words cannot express my feelings. After being in Logan for more than two years, I know that I can always count on my extended family to provide me with gifts of joy. New pajamas, socks and underwear were great! I bought new sneakers with my gift cards."

Karl 18 years old: "Awesome Christmas! I had a lot of sad and lonely holidays in my past. Things are a lot different this year! I thank everyone that gave me gifts and gift cards. It helps me out a lot."

Tymir 14 years old (Shy, new resident) This resident did not say a single word upon receiving his gifts but had a HUGE smile on his face that lit up the room!! He played with his games all day long.

Westley 15 years old: "Being in a shelter over the holidays is rough. I really appreciated getting the duffle bag, basketball, books, socks, pajamas, t-shirts, sweatshirt and sweat pants. I am going shopping this weekend at Target with the gift card. Thanks so much for helping me."

Khalif 16 years old: "I appreciate everything that I got. I almost didn't want to open the presents because they looked so good. I liked the MP3 player and pajamas. The games were good too. It made Christmas in the shelter a whole lot better."

Anasya 14 years old: Thank you for all of our presents. It was very kind. May God bless all of you. I love you all.

Kaitlynn age 16: Thank you sooo much for giving me a great Christmas! I really do appreciate the thought, time and money you put into everything. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!☺

December age 17

Thank you for all of the gifts. It was a blessed holiday. It was very nice to receive beautiful gifts. You people are very special. I appreciate everything you did.

Michelle age 16: This was the BEST Christmas that I had in a very long time. Thank you so much for my gifts.

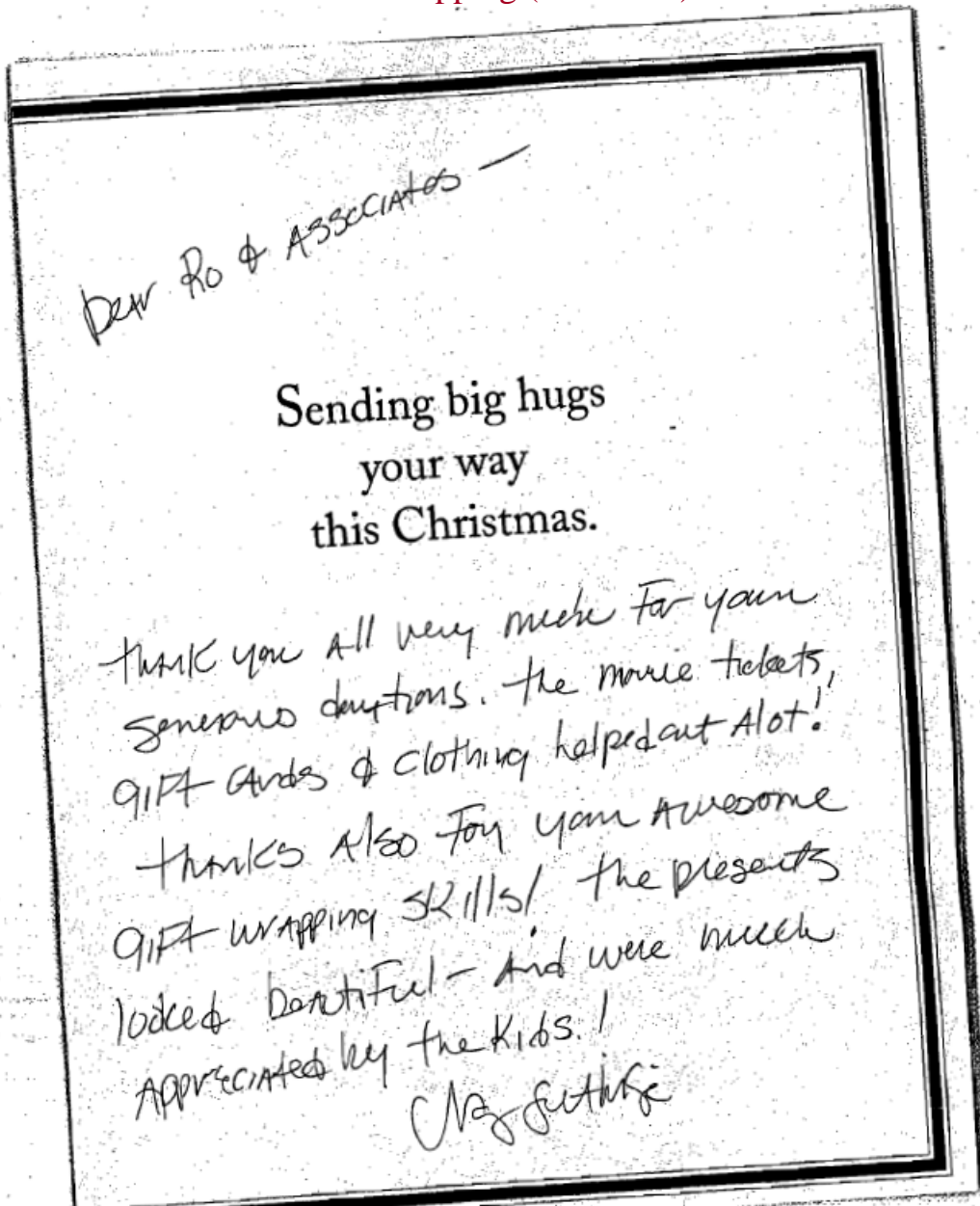
Shadiyah age 17: Thank you all for the gifts that I received. They really made me feel good. Thanks again for all of your kindness. Much love.

Taliyah age 14: Thank you for the gifts that you gave me. I appreciate it a lot. I like every gift that I got. I feel blessed. Thanks again!!!

Selina age 16: Thank you so much for EVERYTHING! Especially all of the books. I loved everything!!

Ciara age 18: Thank you for all of the gifts this year for Christmas. You really made my Christmas the best ever. Thank you so very much!!!!

BCS Wrapping (continued)



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- Mass Tort Threshold Evaluations - \$35 per hr
- Medical Liability & causation opinions - \$75 per hr
- Free up staff
- Reduce record reviewing time and expert billing
- Eliminate copying and shipping costs

#### ORGANIZE YOUR RECORDS

#### REVIEW



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#### FORWARD YOUR CASE SYNOPSIS

## Meeting and Event News – November 2011 Events

### **November Election Meeting: Practical Advice for Paralegals from the Honorable Kelly C. Wall**

*by Lesley H. Aronson, Student, Villanova University*

On November 15, 2011 at the Election Meeting of the Montgomery County Paralegal Association held at Phil's Tavern and Restaurant, the Honorable Kelly C. Wall gave an insightful and heartfelt presentation. Judge Wall is a veteran of working in a law firm. As a former attorney and now a Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas judge, she knows firsthand what helps make paralegals shine. Her advice is both practical and goal-oriented; any paralegal or student aspiring to enter the field can utilize her words of wisdom to become **indispensible**. With both tact and humor, she told us how we can employ these words of advice! Her tips:

#### **How to Make Your Attorney Shine in Court:**

- Keep files clean and organized.
- Always have multiple copies of pleadings ready for court.
- Research the topics of a case and make relevant suggestions to your attorney.
- Keep Pre-Trial Motions short and sweet.

## Meeting and Event News – November Election Meeting (continued)

- Stay organized!
- Be ahead of the game- think ahead to the next steps and discuss with your attorney.

### **How to Help Yourself:**

- Take pride in your work product.
- Take on extra projects.
- Look, dress, and act professional.
- Be a “Good Will” Ambassador – tell people you meet what a great firm you work for.

And for a little humor, Judge Wall gave a tongue-in-cheek look into some things lawyers don’t understand so that paralegals and support staff can anticipate them.

### **Things Lawyers Sometimes Don’t Understand:**

- Staff can’t clone themselves. (When there is a 3 person project, and only 1 person to do it, attorneys aren’t always conscious of this fact.)
- Support staff members do have lives outside of work.
- Lawyers may have bad memories.
- Lawyers expect staff to come in when sick.
- Lawyers simply do not appreciate their staff the way they should and don’t see ALL the support they provide in many different ways.

The meeting also included Election of 2012-2013 Board of Directors, a drawing for free 2012 MCPA memberships, and a collection of gifts and gift cards for Baptist Children’s Services. The fall MCPA Student Scholarship recipient was also announced: **Megan DiPrimeo** from Manor College. We sincerely thank The MCS Group for sponsoring the event.

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## Meeting and Event News – November Election Meeting (continued)



## Meeting and Event News – November 2011 Events

### **2011 Delaware Valley Legal Expo - November 16, 2011**

The Montgomery County Paralegal Association was one of many exhibitors at the Delaware Valley Legal Expo at Presidential Caterers in East Norriton, Pennsylvania on November 16, 2011. The Expo was presented by The Independence Chapter of Legal Administrators and the Montgomery Bar Association. MCPA President, Annette M. Long, CRP; First Vice President, Debbie Arbuckle, Pa. C.P.; and Board Member, Heidi Reiss-Tait, Pa. C.P. greeted Expo visitors at our booth. Several MCPA members took advantage of this wonderful opportunity to network and shop for vendors at the Expo. The MCPA provided complimentary tote bags to each visitor upon check-in. Many exhibitors and vendors offered prizes. A drawing to determine the winners was held at the end of the evening. MCPA members were among the winners:

- Jennifer Handforth won a \$100 Visa gift card from Focus Forward, LLC;
- Nancy Piechota won a \$100 Target gift card from Reliable Copy Service; and
- Stephanie A. Dise won a Spa Treatment gift card from Strehlow and Associates.

MCPA also offered prizes. Congratulations to the winners!

- Sarah Ponzio won a \$50 gift certificate to Chap's Tap Room and Sports Grill and
- Lisa Cappolella won a \$50 gift certificate to Justin's Carriage House Restaurant.

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A brief outline of USA Serve's background and services follows on the next page. Using the system is as easy as scanning your document and uploading into their data base. You will get e-mail updates as to the status of the service and an initial affidavit regarding service through the database, and of course, a hard copy original for filing with the Court.

Please utilize this company as it benefits everyone – you, your employer and MCPA! If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Arbuckle (610) 941-2573 or [darbuckle@kaplaw.com](mailto:darbuckle@kaplaw.com).

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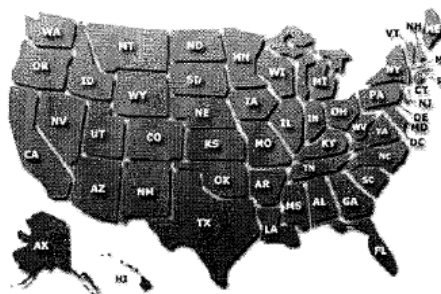
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## **The Student Section**

*MCPA welcomes contributions and news from our student members. Lesley Aronson, Student Liaison from Villanova University, recapped the November Election meeting earlier in this issue. Kate Capanear, Student Liaison from Lansdale School of Business, contributed the following column called the **Top Five**:*

### **January's Top Five...**

#### ***Things to avoid posting on social networking sites***

##### **5. Your personal information.**

In the current technological age, it may seem like no big deal to post your email address, phone number or even your physical address to a profile page on a social networking site. However, this puts your personal contact information out there for the world to find.

Last week, I got a new smartphone and one of the first things it prompted me to do was to import my contacts. I had assumed it meant my email account's contacts. The next things I knew, I had phone numbers and email addresses in my phone for 334 of my closest friends. My phone imported contact information from all of my Facebook friends, most of whom I do not need to get in touch with via phone or email. The moral of the story: keep your personal information private, before the woman who sat behind you in English 101 five years ago has your number saved to her phone.

##### **4. Anything that can be traced to time you may have been on the clock.**

Most people are guilty of using their employer's computer on work time to check their social network pages. Just because the majority may be guilty does not mean it is right. Companies across the board are cracking down on their employees' Internet use and it almost always starts with the social networking sites. Many businesses have started blocking such Web sites on their computers.

In some cases, employers have launched investigations about excessive Internet use by employees. This pastime is technically theft, because violators are using tools that are not theirs to perform an act on time that belongs to someone else. Posting pictures, comments, statuses and other updates on a social networking page actually timestamps the post, making it very simple to trace activity. With a little more effort, it is easy to find the IP address of the computer where these updates came from. Do yourself a favor and keep the personal stuff off the clock.

##### **3. A relationship that you don't want your spouse to know about.**

Rule #1 of being devious—don't get caught. If you have a relationship with someone that you choose not to tell your spouse about because of any unsavory reason, one may assume you are smart enough not to post pictures of this person on your Facebook or Tweet about something funny they said to you. However, simply making a connection via "friend request" or "follower" may snag you later. When the relationship comes to light (as many of them do), some simple investigating on the part of your spouse (or worse, his or her lawyer) will turn up said connection and it will not take long for a case to build. If you really want something to stay secret, don't announce it, especially on a Web site viewed by millions of people daily. You never know who is really watching.

## **The Student Section - January's Top Five... (continued)**

### **2. Those pictures from your ski vacation (which ironically took place a week after you were in a car accident that caused severe, permanent damage to your back).**

Pictures tell very explicit stories. With social networking becoming the norm, it is common for people to post pictures of any and everything from a honeymoon to Rome to last night's Little League game. Posting photos are one of the easiest ways to be caught in a lie.

The trap may be something as simple as the host of the dinner party you were too sick to attend finding pictures of you line dancing with your friends from the same evening. However, if you are in the middle of a legal conundrum from divorce to a pain and suffering suit, it is important to keep the story straight. A consistent story will include any photos that may be found on your profile online.

### **1. Your true opinion of that wonderful boss of yours.**

We've all been there. Our bosses have said or done something that really irked us. It is completely natural to get flustered, feel frustrated or even vent to a friend. Do not convey these feelings on a social networking site though. Once you publish thoughts like these on a site, it can never be truly erased—even if you delete the post. An angry rant via Facebook can come back to haunt you later, usually at the most inconvenient time.

In recent years, more and more individuals have become all too familiar with the repercussions of posting such updates on social media sites. Teachers have lost jobs for posting "private" opinions of their students on Facebook; administrative assistants have been fired for lashing out against their upper management staff on Twitter. In some cases, companies may actually sue employees for defamation.

While social networking sites sometimes cause more harm than good, they are here to stay. As an individual user, it is your responsibility to keep your profiles and postings clean. Follow these simple rules and you should be just fine. As a paralegal in a law firm, you can count on your client and the opposition to violate these rules. What is posted on a social networking site may make or break your case—so start snooping!

*Kate Capanear also publishes a periodic newsletter via email called **The LSB paraLEGAL BRIEF**. This publication is geared toward paralegal students. If you would like to be added to the distribution list, please email Kate at [kate8708@hotmail.com](mailto:kate8708@hotmail.com).*



## **CLE Note - Social Media Revisited**

Two recent MCPA CLE speakers focused on different aspects of social media. It is certainly a hot topic! For additional interesting reading, Annette M. Long, CRP submitted a link to an article titled Authentication of Social Media Evidence by Richard Raysman and Peter Brown on law.com:

[http://www.law.com/jsp/lawtechnologynews/PubArticleLTN.jsp?id=1202531978733&Authentication\\_of\\_Social\\_Media\\_Evidence&slreturn=1](http://www.law.com/jsp/lawtechnologynews/PubArticleLTN.jsp?id=1202531978733&Authentication_of_Social_Media_Evidence&slreturn=1)

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## COMMITTEE NEWS: NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

### 30 Paralegals Pick 30 Books Every Paralegal Should Read



The *ABA Journal* recently published an article entitled, 30 Lawyers Pick 30 Books Every Lawyer Should Read.

The Editor of the *MCPA TODAY* is intrigued by the idea and challenges our members to create a book list that would be enlightening, inspiring, or just plain helpful to paralegals. Email your suggestions to [hrt33@comcast.net](mailto:hrt33@comcast.net). Include the name of the book, the author, and a few sentences describing the book and why it is recommended reading for paralegals.

Use the format provided below. Fiction and non-fiction books are welcome.

Here's the second suggestion for our list:

Title:	<b>The Art of War</b>
Author:	<b>Sun Tzu</b>
Fiction/Nonfiction:	<b>Non-Fiction</b>
Summary:	The Art of War is one of the oldest and most successful books on military strategy in the world.
Reasons to Recommend:	The Art of War has had an influence on Eastern military thinking, business tactics, and beyond.
Applications outside the military:	The Art of War has been applied to many fields well outside of the military. Much of the text is about how to fight wars without actually having to do battle: it gives tips on how to outsmart one's opponent so that physical battle is not necessary. As such, it has found application as a training guide for many competitive endeavors that do not involve actual combat. There are business books applying its lessons to "office politics" and corporate strategy. Many Japanese companies make the book required reading for their key executives. The book is also popular among Western business management, who have turned to it for inspiration and advice on how to succeed in competitive business situations. <b>The Art of War has been the subject of various law books and legal articles on the trial process, including negotiation tactics and trial strategy.</b> The Art of War has also been applied in the world of sports. NFL coach Bill Belichick is known to have read the book and used its lessons to gain insights in preparing for games.
Source:	<a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Art_of_War">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Art_of_War</a>
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1. Chambermaid by Saira Rao
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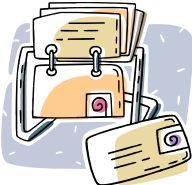
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- the **National Federation of Paralegal Associations** (<http://www.paralegals.org/>)

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