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Presented by Christa Iannone, Sr. Litigation Consultant

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FREE for MCPA members \$10.00 for NFPA affiliated members (evidence required) \$20.00 for non-members Light Bites and Beverages provided by MCPA

Space is limited. All responses will be on a first come first serve basis.

Please RSVP By Friday, September 15, 2017 to Nancy Marchese, Pa CP at:

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- Access MCPA List Serv where paralegals can get advice and assistance in all areas of practice;
- •Monthly meetings or Seminars* dealing with topics that affect paralegals today;
- Obtain the annual MCPA Membership Directory;
- Automatic membership in the National Federation of Paralegal Associations (NFPA);
- Subscription to the National Paralegal Reporter, the official bi-monthly magazine of the NFPA;
- ♦ *Network with paralegals and other members of the legal community;*
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- Pennsylvania has a certification program for paralegals?
- Certified paralegals:
 - Must meet educational and employment requirements;
 - Raise your profitability;
 - Hold themselves to the same ethical and professional standards as attorneys; and
 - Create more value for your clients.

LEARN MORE

Visit the website of the Keystone Alliance of Paralegals Associations at <u>www.keystoneparalegals.org</u>





ADVANCING THE CAUSE OF JUSTICE FOR OVER 25 YEARS

As the charitable affiliate of the Montgomery Bar Association, the Montgomery Bar Foundation embodies our profession's commitment to giving back to the community.

Since 2001, the Foundation has awarded more than a quarter of a million dollars to lawrelated and humanitarian causes serving victims of crime, abuse and mistreatment. These monies came directly from private contributions.

The Montgomery Bar Foundation is pleased to announce a new giving program, specifically for paralegals!

The Montgomery Bar Foundation is dedicated to fostering access to justice for disadvantaged individuals struggling with crime, poverty, abuse and discrimination. Toward that end, the Bar Foundation provides financial and other support to organizations that offer civil legal assistance and representation to the most vulnerable members of our community, many of whom the MCPA has also supported in the past.

These grants are made possible by contributions received from Bar Foundation Fellows. In fact, the Montgomery Bar Foundation is one of the few sources of unrestricted funding for organizations that provide civil legal services free of charge. As public funding continues to dwindle for organizations providing access to justice, the Bar Foundation is committed to increasing the amount of support it provides. By becoming a member of the Paralegal Fellows Program, you are helping to ensure that justice and fair treatment is not confined to those who can afford legal assistance.

Your participation in the program will be honored and acknowledged in a number of ways:

Your name will be included in the list of program participants on the Montgomery Bar Foundation's website (www.montgomerybarfoundation.org), and on a plaque that will be installed at the Montgomery Bar Association offices.

You will be included in the list of new members appearing in the Montgomery Bar Association's SideBar magazine, and a press release will be sent to community, business and other legal publications.

3 You will receive a certificate to display in your office. As a Fellow, you will also be invited to attend exclusive MBF Fellow events.

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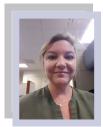


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