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Next CLE

Welcome New Members

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**Board of Director
Elections**

**Delaware Valley
Legal Expo**

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CLE

Thursday, October 26, 2017

6:00—8:00 p.m.

DON'T GIVE UP FIVE MINUTES BEFORE THE MIRACLE

Presented by
Laurie J. Besden, Esquire

and hosted by
HONORABLE KELLY C. WALL

No collections at this meeting.

**Montgomery County Court House
3rd Floor – Courtroom “C”
Airy & Swede Streets
Norristown, PA**

**FREE for MCPA members
\$10.00 for NFPA affiliated members
(with proper identification)
\$20.00 for non-members**

**No food or beverages are allowed in
Courtroom.**

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

**Please RSVP By Monday, October
23, 2017 to Jennifer Kuemmerle,
CRP, Pa CP at**

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****Approval for 1.0 ETHICS CLE by NFPA and Keystone Alliance****



SAVE THE DATE

MCPA HOLIDAY SOCIAL
Monday, December 11, 2017

MORE INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW.
YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

*JoAnn K. Williams
Estate Paralegal at William J. Benz, Esquire*

*Justine McNulty
Paralegal at O'Brien & Ryan, LLP*

*Carly Giangiulio
Paralegal at O'Brien & Ryan, LLP*

There are many reasons to join MCPA. When you become a member, you become a part of the dynamic changes that are transforming the legal industry and by helping to shape the future of paralegals. MCPA provides the tools and resources to help get you there, by advancing your career and enriching your knowledge with life-long learning resources.

MCPA Professional and Student members enjoy these benefits:

- ◆ *Receive MCPA's bi-monthly newsletter MCPA Today;*
- ◆ *Access the MCPA job bank;*
- ◆ *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;*
- ◆ *Stay on top of local and national trends in your career.*

Do you want to stay on top of local and national trends in your career and lend your voice to the future of the paralegal profession? Join MCPA today! www.MCPA.org

A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM JUDGE WALL

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

THIRTY-EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

NORRISTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA 19404

KELLY C. WALL
JUDGE

(610) 278-5917

To the Montgomery County Paralegal Assoc.

I am so pleased that the Governor
of the Commonwealth of PA has
recognized and proclaimed a
week and a special day to recognize
your contribution as paralegals to the
practice of law. Congratulations

and thank you for your invaluable
service to lawyers everywhere!

Behind every successful Attorney is
a paralegal doing the real work!

With appreciation

Judge Wall

MCPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MCPA has four (4) Board Member vacancies this year. Your Board Member incumbent candidates are Shari Weber Bradley, Pa.C.P. and Nancy Piechota, Pa.C.P.

The Board supports the work of MCPA and provides mission-based leadership and strategic governance. While day-to-day operations are led by our President, Ro Fedorka, the Board relationship is a partnership, and the appropriate involvement of the Board is both critical and expected. Specific Board Member responsibilities include:

- ⇒ Leadership, governance and oversight
- ⇒ Reviewing outcomes and metrics created by MCPA for evaluating its impact, and regularly measuring its performance and effectiveness using those metrics;
- ⇒ Reviewing agenda and supporting materials prior to board and committee meetings;
- ⇒ Approving MCPA's annual budget, audit reports, and material business decisions; being informed of, and meeting all, legal and fiduciary responsibilities;
- ⇒ Assisting the Officers in identifying and recruiting other Board Members;
- ⇒ Partnering with the Officers and other board members to ensure that board resolutions are carried out;
- ⇒ Serving on committees or task forces and taking on special assignments;
- ⇒ Representing MCPA; and
- ⇒ Fundraising.

MCPA's Board Members serve a two-year term and are eligible for re-election. Board meetings are usually held monthly with the exception of the Summer months of July and August.

This is an extraordinary opportunity for an individual who is passionate about MCPA. Ideal candidates should have the following qualifications:

- ◆ Extensive professional experience with significant executive leadership accomplishments in business, government, philanthropy, or the nonprofit sector;
- ◆ A commitment to and understanding of MCPA's beneficiaries, preferably based on experience;
- ◆ Savvy diplomatic skills and a natural affinity for cultivating relationships and persuading, convening, facilitating, and building consensus among diverse individuals;
- ◆ Personal qualities of integrity, credibility, and a passion for improving the lives of MCPA's beneficiaries;
- ◆ Service on MCPA's Board of Directors is without remuneration, except for administrative support, travel, and accommodation costs in relation to Board Members' duties.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

GIVING BACK

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

ADVANCE YOUR CAREER

BUILD YOUR PERSONAL RESUME

BUILD VALUABLE NETWORKS AND RELATIONSHIPS

GROW AS A LEADER THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN – THROUGH EXPERIENCE!!!

If you are interested, send a short bio and photograph to Roberta (Ro) Fedorka, Pa.C.P. at rfedorka@villarilaw.com **no later than October 25, 2017.**



SAVE THE DATE!

The Keystone Alliance of Paralegal Associations

presents its

2018 Education Summit: Professional Responsibility

Saturday, May 5, 2018

at Lehigh Carbon Community College's
Lisa Scheller and Wayne Woodman Community Services Center
4525 Education Park Drive, Schnecksville, PA 18078

Co-sponsored by



Lehigh Carbon
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

*4 CLE Credits available for paralegals
and attorneys*

(3 substantive; 1 ethics)

*Breakout sessions for students
and job seekers*

Registration Fees:

*\$50 early bird registration fee
for Keystone Alliance members*

\$65 after April 21, 2018

\$20 for students

\$85 for attorneys and non-members

breakfast and lunch included

Additional Sponsors:



**Thursday****November 16, 2017****3:00 pm - 7:00 pm****Sheraton Valley Forge
480 North Gulph Road
King of Prussia, PA**

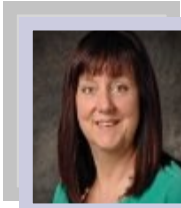
The Delaware Valley Legal Expo is a joint production of the Montgomery Bar Association and the Association of Legal Administrators, Independence Chapter. Now in its 22nd year, this landmark event promises to be the largest most interactive Expo to date -- providing a rare opportunity to network with others and witness the latest and greatest products and services available to the legal community today. This perennial favorite has been referred to as the one yearly event where the entire legal community can congregate, share ideas and gain knowledge and information necessary for running a large firm or a small/solo practice efficiently and effectively. Be sure to register early and bring your co-workers, friends and colleagues. All attorneys, administrators and staff are encouraged to attend.

**REGISTER**To register, visit www.montgomerybar.org.

If you are interested in helping out the MCPA by volunteering for this event, please contact Debbie Arbuckle, Pa. C.P. at darbuckle@kaplaw.com.

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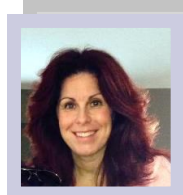


Ro is a Paralegal at the law firm of Villari, Brandes & Giannone, PC in Conshohocken. She has been a member of MCPA since 2005 and has served as chair of the Planning &

Community Outreach Committees. She has also previously served as Treasurer for four years and Secretary for two years and was recently elected to serve as President. She resides in West Norriton with her husband, Larry.

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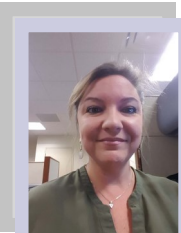


Jen is the Vice President of Finance at The Luther Woods Nursing & Rehabilitation located in Hatboro. She has served on the Association's Board of Directors and was

recently elected to serve as its Secretary. She lives in Hatboro with her husband and two children.

Suzanne H. Sarver, RP— Vice President

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Suzanne works for Gramercy Property Trust as a Registered Paralegal in the Horsham office. She currently serves as a Board of Director of the Association as well as Contributing Editor to its

newsletter and has recently been elected as the Vice President. She resides in Upper Gwynedd with her husband Brian and their two labs, Frack and Powerstroke.

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Kelly is a Paralegal at the law firm of Kane, Pugh, Knoell, Troy & Kramer in its Norristown office. She currently serves as the Association Treasurer, a position she has held since 2013. She is also the Job

Bank Coordinator for the MCPA. She lives in Phoenixville with her cat, Emmett J.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Christopher Gregg
(2017—2019)

Chris works for the law firm, Kane, Pugh, Knoell, Troy & Kramer as a Paralegal. He has been an active board member for the past 3 years and serves as its Social Media Committee Chair. Chris was born and raised in Willow Grove and still resides there with his family and their dachshund Queenie.



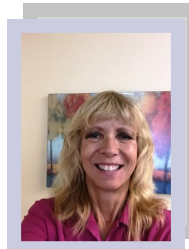
Noreen Messmer, Pa.C.P.
(2017—2019)

Noreen is a Paralegal with the law firm of Ford & Buckman, P.C. in Blue Bell and has worked with Sarah Ford, Esquire for over 40 years. She has been a Board member since 2010 and also serves on the Hospitality/Planning Committee. Noreen lives in Blue Bell and is the mother of three and Nana to three granddaughters.



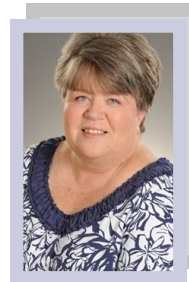
Michelle Calkins, Pa.C.P.
(2017—2019)

Michelle is a Paralegal with Miller, Turetsky, Rule & McLennan located in Collegeville. She is an active member of the Association and currently serves as the Layout Editor of the MCPA newsletter. She lives live in Collegeville with her husband, Wes.



Shari Weber Bradley, Pa.C.P.
(2016—2018)

Shari works for Peter E. Bort, Esquire at Bort Law which is a general practice firm. A long time member of MCPA, she was recently elected to the Board of Directors. Shari lives in Eagleville and is the mother of two twenty something boys and stepmother of three teen boys.



Nancy Piechota, Pa.C.P.
(2016—2018)

Nancy is a Paralegal at the law firm of Mannion Prior, LLP in King of Prussia. Nancy was recently elected to the Board of Directors and also serves as Chair of the Marketing Committee. She lives in Berks County with her husband, Joe and rescue dogs.

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