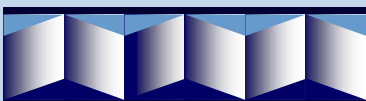




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Tuesday, April 24, 2018

6:00 p.m.

TOP 10 CASES EVERY PARALEGAL SHOULD KNOW

Presented by

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Meeting Hosted by

Wolf Baldwin & Associates, PC

MEETING LOCATION:

**Pottstown Borough Hall
Council Chambers Room
100 E. High Street
Pottstown, PA 19464**

**Lite bites will be provided by
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**Please RSVP By April 10, 2018
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2018 MONTGOMERY COUNTY PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION KICK OFF EVENT

Recap Authored by Suzanne Sarver, Registered Pace Paralegal and Contributing Editor to the MCPA Today

Thursday, January 18, 2018, was MCPA's annual Kick Off Celebration event where we inducted our newest board members and celebrated the new year with our members, sponsors and honorable guest speaker. This year our event was held at Normandy Farms in Blue Bell, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania located across from the sprawling Montgomery County Community College campus. Our sponsors for this evenings events included TASA, Peirce College, and Karasch & Associates. Our sponsor's valuable contributions and sponsorship is what helps MCPA's mission of promoting access to justice for all. Our sponsors provided information about their



services which helps further build relationships with all our members and sponsors throughout the county and the state. The outgoing President, Ro Fedorka started our evening by welcoming everyone and acknowledging our special guests and honorable speaker. Ro also introduced MCPA's new President, Nancy Piechota, whose firm, Manion Prior hosts many MCPA board meetings.

Our Speaker, the Honorable Wendy Rothstein of the 38th Judicial District, inducted our 2018 Officers,

President, Nancy Piechota, Vice President Kelly Smith, Treasurer Christopher Gregg, Secretary, Jennifer Kuemmerle, and our 2018 Board Members, Michelle Calkins, Shari Weber Bradley, Noreen Messmer, Nancy Marchese and Dana C. Jorna. Our newsletter has bios and contact information for our officers and board members on the second to last page in the newsletter so don't forget to read about who are board is.

Not only did Judge Rothstein induct our board members, she spoke candidly on the current challenges of the opioid epidemic and its effect on the judicial system. Judge Rothstein shared how the opioid epidemic has come to her court room and the rippling effects it has on families and the surrounding community. Judge Rothstein is known, and highly respected, as a Montgomery County trial attorney having practiced in the county courts for over 34 years.

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2018 MONTGOMERY COUNTY PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION KICK OFF EVENT CONTINUED

She has served in a judicial capacity and advisor to the Judges for over 15 years as a Discovery Master, Civil Case Master and Chair of a Board of View.

She has been honored, as a trailblazer for Women in the legal profession, by the Montgomery Bar Association, the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation, the Philadelphia Business Journal and Plymouth-Whitemarsh Senior High School Distinguished Graduates.



The MCPA was privileged to have Judge Rothstein induct the new 2018 board and be the honorable speaker at this event. The MCPA sincerely thanks Judge Rothstein for her time and commitment to our event.

We thank all our sponsors for coming out to this event and our members who make the MCPA a success. We hope throughout this year our members will continue their support and come out to our events and help us in our mission. We would also like to send a special thank you to Normandy Farms for providing the wonderful array of food, services, and hospitality for the evening. Our guests on this evening had many choices with a buffet of vegetables, bread, London broil, fish, pasta and rice. Normandy Farms is known for their contemporary farm-chic feel serving heirloom and locally sourced ingredients. The dessert and coffee selection was a great way to wrap up the evening. This Kickoff Celebration was a success and we were so happy to acknowledge our outgoing board members and introducing our new board members and officers to our members, friends, family, sponsors, and honored guests. One of our sponsors, Peirce College, provided a give away for the evening and our newest board member, Dana Jorna, won a gift basket which was full of great items.

We look forward to a great rest of the year and many memorable events to come!



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Saturday, May 5, 2018

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Nancy is a Paralegal at the law firm of Mannion Prior, LLP in King of Prussia. Nancy also sits on 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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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 husband and cat, Emmett J.

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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.

***Jen Kuemmerle, CRP, Pa.C.P.—Secretary***

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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.

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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.
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Shari works for Peter E. Bort, Esquire at Bort Law which is a general practice firm. A long time member of MCPA, she currently serves as the Webmaster. Shari lives in Eagleville and is the mother of two twenty something boys and stepmother of three teen boys.



Nancy A. Marchese, Pa. C.P.
(2018—2020)

Nancy is a Paralegal with Miller, Turetsky, Rule & McLennan. She serves as the Committee Chair of Hospitality & Events Planning Committee. She assists in the areas of Family Law, Collections, Civil Litigation, Bankruptcy, Criminal Defense and Personal Injury at the law firm of Miller, Turetsky, Rule & McLennan.



Dana Jorna, Pa. C.P.
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Dana has been an active member since 2013. Dana assists in the areas of Civil Defense Litigation, Medical Malpractice, Legal Malpractice and Personal Injury defense at the Kane Pugh Knoell Troy & Kramer, LLP law firm since 2013.

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