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UPCOMING CLEs SAVE THE DATES

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

The Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts

**Speaker: Marc Aronson, President,
PA Association of Notaries (PAN)**

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

**You Have the Power
Ken Milner, Esquire**

No CLEs in June or July

Monday, September 17, 2018

**Part 2 of "Reputation Management"
Sameer S. Somal**



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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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;*
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- ◆ *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

2018 MBA Legal Aid Golf Classic

Friday, June 22, 2018

7:00 am - 3:00 pm

Legal Aid of Southeastern PA provides essential legal services and representation to low-income individuals, victims of domestic abuse, and the elderly in our area. As citizens and professionals, we all share the burden of those less fortunate in our community. Why not do your part while enjoying a relaxed day of golf and networking with neighboring LAWYERS, JUDGES and BUSINESSES?

All proceeds from this year's Golf Classic will directly benefit Legal Aid and a portion or all of your commitment may be tax-deductible. Be sure to bring your staff, clients, friends, family and neighbors as this year's event promises to be nothing short of...a true Classic!

CALLING ALL PARALEGALS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY!!!

Please participate in the 2018 MBA Section Challenge! For the past three years, Legal Aid has challenged all four MBA Sections and the **Montgomery County Paralegal Association** to sell as many raffle tickets as possible.

So far, the Young Lawyers Section has swept the challenge, winning all three years. In that time, over \$10,000 has been raised in ticket sales alone - all of it going to Legal Aid of Southeastern PA!

Help us make sure the Paralegals sweep this year!!! Tickets can be purchased online [here](#). You must choose your section as "Paralegals".



NFPA Award & Scholarship Nominations Now Being Accepted (2018 Award Year)

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

NFPA/Thomson Reuters Scholarships - These scholarships are awarded to paralegal students and must be used to pursue a paralegal education. This year, two scholarships are available: a first-place scholarship, worth \$3,000, and a second-place scholarship, worth \$2,000.

William R. Robie Leadership Award - This award recognizes an NFPA member in honor of the Honorable William R. Robie and his dedication to the paralegal profession, the expansion of the delivery of legal services and equal access to justice for all Americans.

NFPA Justice Champion Award - This award recognizes a practicing paralegal whose conduct, actions and activities demonstrate extraordinary dedication to diversity and inclusion as defined in NFPA's Position Statement on Diversity.

Outstanding Local Leader Award - This award recognizes an individual NFPA member for outstanding local leadership contributions to his or her local association .

Paralegal of the Year Award - This award recognizes an individual NFPA member whose on-the-job achievements have contributed to expansion of the paralegal profession, including contributions to his or her employer, colleagues and the paralegal profession in general.

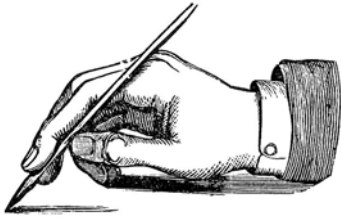
Association Pro Bono Award - This award recognizes an NFPA member association that has exhibited outstanding dedication and service in the area of pro bono services.

Individual Pro Bono Award - This award recognizes an individual paralegal who has exhibited extraordinary dedication to the delivery of quality legal services to a portion of the population that cannot afford to pay for legal services. This is open to non-members of NFPA.

Certification Ambassador Award - This award recognizes outstanding achievement in promoting the PACE and PCCE programs.

PACE and PCCE Scholarships - Sponsored by the Paralegal Education Group, these scholarships cover the costs of a review manual, a PEG online review course and the exam fee for either the Paralegal CORE Competency Exam™ (PCCE) or the Paralegal Advanced Competency Exam® (PACE). Must be an NFPA member to apply.

For more information and to submit an application, please visits: www.NFPA.com



Volunteers Needed



MCPA values our members and sponsors and we need you to bring information to our members about our events and CLEs!!

If you attend a CLE or event and want to write an article about that event or CLE, the MCPA would appreciate and encourage you to have your article published in our newsletter and shared on our listserv.

Your article along with your name and picture, if you like, will be published in our newsletter. The MCPA wants to bring these recaps to our members so they can read about our engaging guest speakers, our charitable events, and our informative and educational CLEs that the MCPA has to offer.

Our valued sponsors and members make these events and CLEs possible which contribute to the success and mission of the MCPA. We want to encourage our members to write an article and share these great moments to bring awareness and enjoyment to our members and encourage others to get involved.

CLEs and events are a great time to network and meet other paralegals and members of the MCPA. We want to see you and we want to hear your voice.

We hope to see you at the next event or CLE and read your recap in our newsletter.

Contact Michelle or Suzanne today!

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