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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Nancy Piechota, Pa. C.P.

2019 Kick Off Celebration

Wednesday, February 27, 2019
6:00—9:00 p.m.

The Club at Shannondell
(Chadwick's)
2750 Egypt Road
Audubon, PA 19403



Buffet dinner: Members \$15 ■ Guest \$20

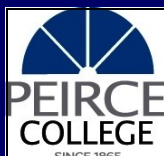
Special Guest
Kate Harper, Esquire

Join us as the MCPA inducts its newly elected board members and officers.

If you have already RSVP'd and sent payment for the January 24th meeting and would like to use that payment for the rescheduled Kick-Off Meeting date, please inform Jennifer Kuemmerle (jekuemmerle@gmail.com). If you are unable to attend the rescheduled Kick-Off Meeting and would like a refund of monies paid, please let Jen know that as well.

RSVP by February 20, 2019, to Jennifer Kuemmerle, CRP, Pa. C.P. at jkuemmerle@gmail.com

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Officer Elections

Officers of MCPA were elected at the January 9th meeting. Your new officers are:

Nancy Piechota, Pa.C.P.	President
Kelly Lightcap, Pa. C.P.	Vice President
Christopher Gregg	Treasurer
Jennifer Kuemmerle, Pa. C.P.	Secretary

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- Saturday, March 23, 2019 – Concord Township Municipal Building in Glen Mills (Delaware County)
 → Saturday, April 6, 2019 – Bucks County Public Safety Training Center in Doylestown
 → Saturday, May 18, 2019 – Trevone Fire Company in Trevone (Bucks County)

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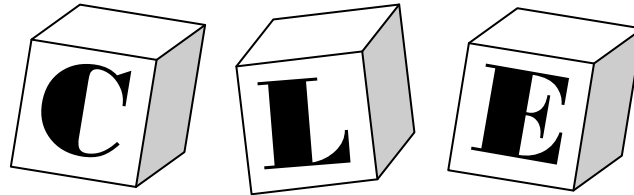
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**Montgomery County Clerk of Courts and
 County Criminal Justice System**

Presented by:

Michael J. Paston & Noah Marlier, Esquire

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Join the Maryland Association of Paralegals and presenter
Myesha Thompson, CLP as she discusses:

***How to Utilize the HITECH Act to Drastically Reduce
the Cost of Medical Records****

March 13, 2019
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Via Zoom

Members: \$5.00
Non-Members: \$10.00
NFPA Members: \$5.00

Myesha Thompson is a Certified Litigation Paralegal with over a decade of specialized experience in the acquisition and review of medical records. She has spent the last six years at Wais, Vogelstein, Forman and Offutt, LLC, where she has led their medical malpractice team in obtaining the vital health information needed to successfully litigate cases on behalf of injured clients.

Myesha is an astute patient advocate and has spent considerable time studying the regulations which control health information in order to advance case development at WVFO. She has applied her passion for advocacy and knowledge to understanding the HIPAA Privacy Rules. As a result, she has successfully transitioned from the customary approach of obtaining medical records (which is often extremely costly, time consuming, and unreliable) to a new approach which recognizes and relies upon the extended rights of patients to access and control their health information. This new approach is supported by the provisions of the HITECH Act and has increased efficiency within Myesha's litigation team. Myesha has extensive experience educating and training other to apply this new approach which often leads to obtaining records for a minimal fee of \$6.50, saving firm hundreds or thousands of dollars!

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MCPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

Board of Directors: A board of directors is a recognized group of people who jointly oversee the activities of an organization, which can be either a for-profit business, nonprofit organization, or a government agency.

Did you know that Board meetings are open to all MCPA member? That's right, anyone can come and see what the Board is discussing and voting on. You are encouraged to attend a board meeting to express your opinion about issues affecting the Association.

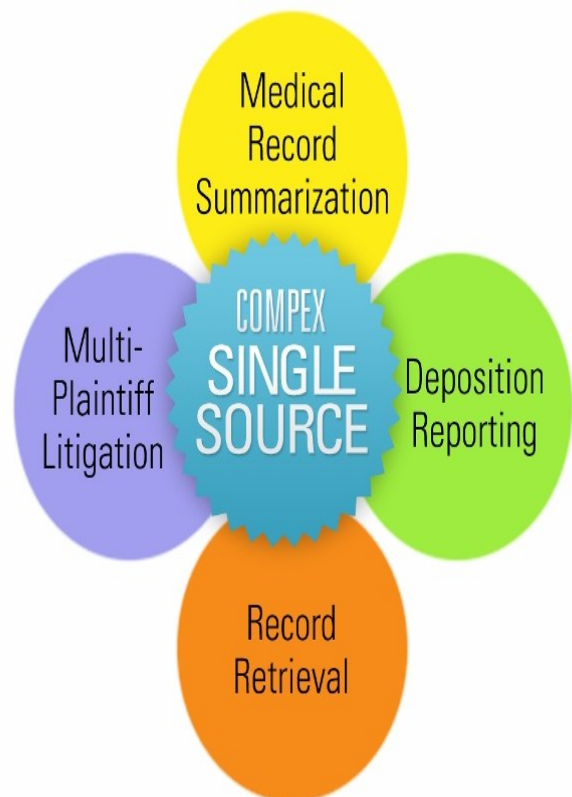
Meetings are usually held on the first Tuesday of each month at Mannion Prior, LLP. Mannion Prior, LLP, 840 First Avenue, Suite 100, King of Prussia.

For more information, contact Nancy Piechota at NPiechota@mannonprior.com

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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.

***Kelly Lightcap, Pa.C.P. —Vice President***

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Kelly is a Paralegal at the law firm of Bennett, Bricklin & Saltzburg LLC in its Blue Bell office. She currently serves as the Association Vice President having served as its Treasurer since 2013. She lives in Phoenixville with her husband and cat, Emmett J.

***Christopher Gregg—Treasurer***

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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***

Luther Woods Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
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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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(2017 - 2019)



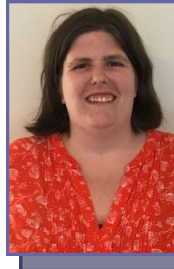
Noreen is a Paralegal with the law firm of Ford & Buckman, P.C. in Blue Bell and has worked with Sarah Ford, Esquire for over 40 years. She has been a Board member since 2010 and also serves on the Hospitality/Planning Committee. Noreen lives in Blue Bell and is the mother of three and Nana to three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

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



Shari works at the firm at Sattin and Rona, LLC. A long time member of MCPA, she currently serves on the Board and is the Webmaster. Shari lives in Eagleville with her husband and has two grown sons and three grown stepsons.

Dana Joana, Pa. C.P.
(2018 - 2020)



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.

Tracey L. Barnes, RP, Pa.C.P.
(2019 - 2021)



Tracey is an Estates Administration and Estate Planning Paralegal at the law firm of Dischell, Bartle & Dooley, PC. She attended Penn State University, completing the Paralegal Certificate Program in the Summer of 1992 and took the Paralegal Advanced Competency Exam, receiving her RP (PACE Registered Paralegal) credential in 2000. In 2008, she received her Pa.C.P. certification through the Keystone Alliance of Paralegal Associations and is currently its Credentialing Chair. She has been a member of the Montgomery County Paralegal Association since its inception in 1999 and has been a Board Member, Secretary, Treasurer and President. In 2017, she was appointed as the CLE-Associations Co-Coordinator for the National Federation of Paralegal Associations (NFPA).

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