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MONTGOMERY COUNTY PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION

CELEBRATING 20 GALA DINNER

October 10, 2019

William Penn Inn

*A formal invitation will be sent shortly.
Place this date on your calendar now!*

Attention Family Law Paralegals

If you're interested in joining a statewide group of paralegals to share ideas, information, trade secrets, software tips, and/or forms, consider joining the Family Law Paralegals of Pennsylvania (FLPP). This organization is in the early stages of formation by a group of family law paralegals from several Pennsylvania counties. If you are interested in this organization and/or would like more information, please contact Debbie Long at deblong420@gmail.com.

**WELCOME
NEW
MEMBERS**

- ♦ **Tyara Craig, Student at Lansdale School of Business**
- ♦ **Melinda Daukaus, The Chong Law Firm, PA**
- ♦ **Leigh Gagliardi, Toll Brothers**
- ♦ **Carrie Dougherty, Bennett, Bricklin & Saltzburg, LLC**

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! Join MCPA today by visiting [www.MCPA -BECOME A MEMBER.org](http://www.MCPA-BECOME A MEMBER.org)



BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS NEEDED

MCPA is seeking to appoint five new board of director members to ensure we have the capacity and skills to oversee the Association. Board members are expected to attend all board meetings, but also to participate in the life of the organization between board meetings, CLE meetings and acting in an ambassadorial role for the MCPA. Board meetings are currently held the first Thursday of each month at the offices of Mannion Prior in King of Prussia. Positions are held for a two year term.

The MCPA Board of Directors consists of nine members that serve for a two year term. The Board's activities are determined by the powers, duties, and responsibilities delegated to it or conferred on it by an authority outside itself and are detailed in the bylaws.

The MCPA Board of Directors hold monthly meetings usually the first Thursday of each month. All are welcome to attend. If you've ever wondered what the MCPA Board is doing on behalf of all of its members, attend one of these meetings. For information regarding where the next meeting will be held, please contact any of the Officers listed at the end of this newsletter.

If you are interested in becoming a candidate for this position, please email a short bio and headshot of yourself to President Nancy Piechota at npiechota@mannonprior.com. Your submission must be received no later than October 31st to be eligible for this year's election in November.

Voting takes place in November!

Montgomery Bar Association and Leadership Academy

Sponsor 1st Reentry Day Clinic

Dana Jorna, Pa.C.P.

On June 28, 2019 the Montgomery Bar Association and its Leadership Academy sponsored their first Reentry Day clinic at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit for community members facing challenges after being released from incarceration. The event provided an on-site identification clinic, an on-site expungement clinic and an on-site resource fair which included live interviews and various organizations who provide assistance with housing, legal, mental and behavioral health, probation and finances. Attorney, paralegal, notary and legal intern volunteers assisted visitors with resume writing, mock interviews, filling out job applications, assisting with record expungement and applying for crucial identification-related documents including Social Security cards, birth certificates, driver's license or photo ID. The event was kicked off with poignant speeches by Valerie Arkoosh, chair of the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners, Dean Beers, Montgomery County chief public defender and Edward McCann, first assistant district attorney. They discussed Montgomery County's 59% recidivism rate, the complex challenges and requirements that one faces when reentering, and how all sides of the criminal justice system need to work together to make the reentry process easier and more just. The clinic ran from 1:00-3:00 p.m. and provided lite food and beverages for everyone involved. Visitors were able to move freely among the stations based on their individual needs and without needing to sign up or schedule an appointment in advance. This was a great, impactful event which was well attended and staffed which will hopefully lead to similar clinics in future years.



OFFICERS***Nancy Piechota, Pa. C.P.—President***

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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***

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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.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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.



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

Shari works at the firm at DeLuca Levine. 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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