

PITTSBURGH PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION

PPA was formed in 1977 with the goals of promoting the professional development and continuing education of paralegals. Since then, PPA has averaged over 300 members each year and has developed a strong communication network of paralegals within the Western Pennsylvania region. PPA has established a solid relationship with the Allegheny County Bar Association and each of PPA's voting members has the right to join the ACBA as an affiliate member. PPA also maintains a national presence through its affiliation with NFPA. PPA provides many educational opportunities, including: monthly general meetings, specialty section meetings, and full or half-day seminars. PPA encourages student involvement and annually awards a scholarship to a student from one of the area's paralegal training programs. PPA, through its many and varied committees, provides many opportunities for paralegals to volunteer their paralegal skills to community projects, expand their legal knowledge, network among peers, and participate in the development of the paralegal profession. PPA's website is located at www.pghparalegals.org.

YORK COUNTY PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION

YCPA was established in 1992 committed to the advancement and support of the paralegal profession. YCPA promotes continuing education through monthly lunch and learn meetings and quarterly CLE seminars; encourages networking among its members, and maintains an employment referral bank. Through the Association's quarterly newsletter, *Paralegal Focus*, members are apprised of issues affecting the paralegal profession locally, within the state, and nationally. YCPA maintains an open working relationship with local bar associations and participates in a variety of pro bono projects benefiting the general community. YCPA has adopted a Code of Ethics and Professional Responsibility for paralegal guidance.

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Lancaster, PA 17608-0593

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KEYSTONE ALLIANCE OF PARALEGAL ASSOCIATIONS



REPRESENTING THE PARALEGALS OF PENNSYLVANIA

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WHAT IS THE KEYSTONE ALLIANCE?

The Keystone Alliance of Paralegal Associations is a non-partisan, non-profit organization, formalized in 1995 from groundwork laid in the 1980's by paralegal associations in Pennsylvania. The purposes of the Alliance are:

1. To provide a statewide voice for paralegals in Pennsylvania;
2. To maintain a statewide communications network among paralegal associations and other members of the legal community;
3. To advance, foster and promote the paralegal profession in Pennsylvania; and
4. To monitor developments in the paralegal profession.

Any paralegal located in and/or representing paralegals in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is eligible to become a member of the Keystone Alliance.

KEYSTONE ALLIANCE MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

The following non-profit paralegal associations comprise the Keystone Alliance

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION

CPPA's membership averages between 75 to 85 members including paralegals, paralegal educators and students in the Central Pennsylvania region. Since 1984, the mission of CPPA is to promote, protect and advance the paralegal profession and its interests through fostering creative expansion of paralegal roles, at all times operating within the boundaries of the profession; to offer continuing education and scholarships to paralegals as well as education of employers and consumers in the use of paralegals; and to encourage communication between individual paralegals and paralegal associations regarding developments in the profession. CPPA is affiliated with the National Federation of Paralegal Associations (NFPA) and supports the promotion of PACE (Paralegal Advanced Competency Exam). CPPA provides information to its members through a monthly newsletter, website and job bank, and offers monthly "lunch/learns" to its members and guests. Local attorneys or public officials speak at the lunch/learns about their area of expertise. Each October is CPPA's annual "Take an Attorney to Lunch" program, where a distinguished guest speaker shares his/her knowledge or expertise on a law-related topic. CCPA's website is located at <http://home.comcast.net/~cppgeneral>.

CHESTER COUNTY PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION

The CCPA was formed in 1992 with the objectives and purposes of promoting and maintaining high standards and ethics in the paralegal profession; providing a forum for the exchange of information about the profession; enhancing the role of paralegals in the community; and encouraging the continuing legal education of paralegals. The CCPA currently has over 70 members and has bi-monthly meetings in which a speaker from the legal community is invited to speak on current updates in the law or of special interest. In addition, the CCPA is extremely active in the Pro Bono community in assisting Legal Aid with fundraising events and legal aspects and the Pro Bono Committee is also assisting the Chester County Orphans' Court with its Guardianship Program. The Chester County Bar Association has requested the CCPA's assistance with its Access to Justice Program, which aids persons who do not meet Legal Aid's poverty level but still do not have enough money to hire a lawyer. CCPA produces a bi-monthly newsletter and has the following active committees: Continuing Legal Education, Membership, Pro Bono, Fundraising, Publicity and Job Bank. CCPA's website is located at www.chescoparalegal.org.

LANCASTER AREA PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION

LAPA was formed in 1984 with a current membership of over 90 paralegals. LAPA holds monthly educational meetings, hosts several paralegal networking events, and publishes a bi-monthly newsletter for its members. LAPA members present paralegal career programs at local high schools, colleges and universities. LAPA's objectives are: (1) to develop, encourage, support and maintain high standards for the service, conduct and ethics of paralegals; (2) to provide an opportunity for the exchange of experience, opinions and information through discussion, study and publications; (3) to institute and carry on a program for the education and improvement of the paralegal profession; and (4) to establish and maintain communications with other paralegal organizations, the local and state bar, and other legally related organizations. LAPA conducts a comprehensive bi-annual Salary, Benefits and Job Satisfaction Survey. LAPA has eight very active committees which contribute to the success of their organization. LAPA's website is located at www.LAPAParalegals.com.

LYCOMING COUNTY PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION

The Lycoming County Paralegal Association (LCPA) was founded in 1995 through the efforts of our Charter members and the support of the Lycoming Law Association. The purpose of the LCPA is to promote the educational and professional

standards of the paralegal profession. The LCPA is comprised of paralegals interested in promoting their own profession, and dedicated to the advancement of the paralegal profession as a whole. Our members network with each other and the local bench and bar via LCPA sponsored Lunch & Learn seminars and annual CLE events. LCPA's newsletter, "*The Gavel*" is published at least quarterly, and the LCPA Job Bank provides our members with notices of local and job openings. The LCPA also sponsors a number of scholarships at Penn College. Other LCPA efforts include adopting a family at Christmas through Lycoming County Children and Youth Services, ringing bells for the Salvation Army, and assisting the Lycoming County Law Association with its annual holiday toy drive. The LCPA is affiliated with the National Federation of Paralegal Associations. LCPA's website is located at www.lycolaw.org/lcpa/main.htm.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION

The Montgomery County Paralegal Association (MCPA) was founded on October 22, 1999 and is made up of a diverse group of 80-plus members. It is the mission of the MCPA to provide a network of communication and support to all of its members, to act as a forum for the interchange of ideas and take an effective role in the development and growth of the paralegal profession by complying with the applicable legal authority governing the jurisdiction in which the paralegal is practicing. Committees include Membership, Bar Liaison, Fund-raising, Job Bank, Newsletter, Marketing/Public Relations, Community Outreach and Planning. Our General Meetings are held six times a year and include guest speakers from the legal community. Members are encouraged to submit articles and ideas for the newsletters. MCPA is affiliated with the National Federation of Paralegal Associations. MCPA's website is located at www.montcoparalegals.org.

PHILADELPHIA ASSOCIATION OF PARALEGALS

PAP was incorporated in 1973 and is dedicated to the advancement of the paralegal profession. On average, PAP has a total of 500 members. In addition to holding bi-monthly luncheons in which guest speakers from the legal community are invited to speak, PAP offers a network of opportunities for paralegals and students to become involved through the work of its various committees. PAP awards the Joan M. Weldon Scholarship (\$1,000) to a paralegal student annually. PAP also sponsors an Annual Education Conference customized to cover complex areas of the law as well as continuing legal education. Included in its membership are practicing paralegals, students, individuals, schools, law firms and other organizations. PAP is a charter member of the NFPA. Through its membership in NFPA, PAP members are informed of developments within the profession on a national scope. PAP's website is located at www.philaparalegals.com.