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## Message From the President

*Sarah O'Neal, ACP*

Although winter has descended upon us here in Mississippi, MPA is not coming down with a case of the doldrums; we are ramping up the campaign to spread *Enthusiasm Fever* all across our state and nation. We are on the move and spreading the *Fever* wherever we go. It's not too late to catch it, become involved.

2011 will be MPA's 30th anniversary. We have *BIG* plans for you in 2011. Our President-Elect, Donna Alderman, ACP, will be bringing you all the details soon. Be sure to watch your e-mail, Facebook, and Twitter for more exciting news regarding our 30th anniversary and participate!

It has been my great joy and privilege to serve you as President of MPA in 2010 and what a year we have had. New and exciting transformations have happened within MPA and will continue to happen well into 2011. Visit our website, [www.msparalegals.org](http://www.msparalegals.org), to see what it is all about. MPA strives to be beneficial to you and your paralegal career. In turn, MPA believes that with your assistance and involvement, MPA will be instrumental in the advancement of the paralegal profession throughout the State of Mississippi, as well as the nation. It is my hope that I have lived up to your expectations as President and in the direction that I have helped carve out for MPA's future.

Thank you for placing your faith in me yet again by electing me as the 2011 NALA Liaison for MPA. I look forward to serving you as NALA Liaison as well as serving on the Convention Committee tasked with bringing the national paralegal convention to the Great State of Mississippi! In case you have not heard, the NALA convention has moved from Omaha, Nebraska to Dallas, Texas. Omaha will be the home for the convention in 2012. The Convention Committee will be dating us on all the details in the coming months. Come to my hometown, Dallas, Texas, and see what the NALA convention is all about. It is loads of fun.

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Remember that you, as a MPA paralegal, have the power to spread MPA's message, by being active and participating in all the events we have planned in 2011, and by recommending MPA membership to your fellow paralegals in Mississippi. Come **CATCH THE FEVER** and spread it everywhere!

*Donna Alderman, ACP*  
*Vice President/Education*

The past year has been fun and exciting for MPA. As the new president-elect, I hope that I can live up to the high standards set by our current president, Sarah O'Neal.

I hope to continue along with Sarah's vision of bringing MPA into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We have come so far in the past year; we have grown in leaps and bounds!! There is still more to come in 2011!!

I look forward to serving as your president and appreciate the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

*Steven J. Jones*  
*Vice President / New Membership*

I can't believe the year is almost over and 2011 is just days away. This has been a wonderful year for MPA as we have advanced into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. None of this would have been possible without the brilliant mind of our leader, Sarah O'Neil and a wonderful Board of Directors. Facebook, Twitter, upgraded website, upgraded communication devices and software, recorded and uploaded CLE's, and the online store are all examples of how MPA has advanced in the world of technology.

I would like to thank everyone that voted for me to continue working as MPA's Vice President of New Membership for 2011. I am very excited to work once again with such wonderful people. I know we will get a lot done. I would also like to congratulate the other members who were voted to serve for 2011.

One of my goals for the upcoming year is to let our presence be known at colleges and universities around the state that have paralegal programs. I would like to set a record for bringing in the most student members MPA has ever inducted. I believe this can be done through strategic marketing plans and great communication with the students, faculty, organizations, and institutions. I also plan to reenergize the membership committee and use its members to work to meet an unprecedented goal.

*Zenda Heafner, CLA*  
*Vice-President/Established Membership*

Brrr, it's cold outside! Christmas is upon us, and who knows with this Winter Chill we could have a White Christmas in the deep South. I can't believe that Christmas is right around the corner and another MPA year has come and gone. The Board has been really busy this year, and hold onto your socks MPA Members -

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--- 2011 has more to come.

I have enjoyed serving as your Vice-President of Established Membership, and thank you all for allowing me to serve you again in 2011. I am sorry that I could not be more active and hands on, but I am still working on my pipeline project in Natchitoches, Louisiana. Wish all of you could see how beautiful this little town is. They have put lights on everything around here and claim that they are the City of Lights. This goes on for 45 days throughout the holiday season; very quaint, colorful and beautiful.

Until we meet again in 2011, I hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a most prosperous New Year. Be safe and join The Board and all your fellow MPA Members in 2011.

*Kathy Mangum*  
*Secretary*

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Thank you for a great and exciting year. It has been a joy getting to know all of you. Thank you for taking advantage of the opportunities that MPA offers. Please continue to share with your colleagues the great things that are happening with MPA and encourage them to join us in 2011. Again, thank you for allowing me to serve as Board Secretary and I look forward to another splendid year.

*Rachel Nesbit*  
*Treasurer*

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2010 has come, and is just about gone! Where does the time go? A lot of changes have come to MPA this year. First, I would like to thank the MPA Members for allowing me to serve as Treasurer for 2010. Service to our community is something that I encourage everyone to do at some point. If it were not for volunteers, organizations like MPA would not be possible. Please consider offering some of your time in 2011 to any worthy cause! I would also like to personally thank all of the members that served the Jackson area's needy children on December 4 for the Salvation Army Stuff the Trucks event. Thanks to you all, there are going to be lots of thankful children on Christmas morning!

Also, a big congrats to the MPA Board Members on a job well done this year! There is so much that goes on behind the scenes to make all of this happen, and we had a phenomenal group of dedicated Board Members working like crazy to accommodate the members of MPA. Great job, ladies and Steven!

While I have very much enjoyed serving MPA as Treasurer, I am thrilled to be serving MPA again in 2011 as Vice President of Education! Although I am very excited about the speakers and topics that have already been lined up for 2011, I am open to any suggestions and/or requests MPA members may have. Please let me know if there is ever a topic that you are interested in learning more about. As always, MPA is dedicated to serving its members in any way possible.

Thank you again for your support in allowing me to serve this wonderful association in 2010. Merry Christmas, and I look forward to seeing everyone in January!

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*Gwen Burgess, CP*  
*NALA Liaison*

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I appreciate and thank you so much for the opportunities you have given me to serve in different offices through the past several years. I have forged many friendships through my involvement with MPA which I believe will be lifelong. Many of you were extremely supportive of the things I have attempted to accomplish on behalf of MPA, especially during my tenure as president. Additionally, words cannot express my gratitude for the support you've shown me personally during the loss of my husband.

This year, thanks to Sarah O'Neal's innovative leadership, MPA has seen many improvements in capabilities to provide benefits to its members statewide. I hope that you will take advantage of these newly implemented capabilities and that you will continue to support the efforts of our incoming president Donna Alderman in the future. I know she'll do an outstanding job as president.

While I won't be serving on the Board, I'm not going anywhere. I'll be rooting for our leadership and encouraging you to become more involved. I wish for you the joys, learning and friendships that I've enjoyed in my various leadership roles through the years.

Remember - MPA is only as strong as YOU make it through your involvement and contributions to the association. Here's to the best year yet in 2011!

*Darleen Dozier, CLA*  
*Student Liaison*

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The highlight for the Fall semester for MPA includes the Student Essay Contest. Each college in Mississippi who offers a paralegal program of study was offered the chance for students to participate in the contest for monetary prizes, MPA membership and NALA materials.

The topic was as follows: *Pick an area of law from the three provided and discuss the following: (1) Whether you would prefer to work the plaintiff or defendant side; (2) list the duties a paralegal would perform while working in this area; and (3) Why you would choose this area of law in which to work. Areas of law: (1) Civil litigation; (2) Business/Real Estate; or (3) Family law.* There were 50 entries this year. The judges chosen were Gwen Burgess, Rachel Nesbit and Jan Thomas. MPA is pleased to announce the winners of the contest as follows:

**1st place - Kelcey Nelson - USM**  
**2nd place - Courtney Powell - USM**  
**3rd place - Dionne Grant – USM**



Congratulations to the winners of the 2010 MPA Student Essay Contest! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all paralegal students and instructors throughout the state.

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*Bridget Breithaupt, CP*  
*Region II Director*

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2010 seems to have flown by in the blink of an eye. We had so many successful projects most of which were the brain child of our president, Sarah O'Neal. Please join me in thanking Sarah for her great leadership this past year.

Through Sarah's leadership and the hard work of the entire Board, we have brought MPA into the 21st century. We have increased our public audience by having a presence on Facebook and Twitter. Our website now offers downloadable CLE materials including audio, video and PDF files. The annual officer election process has been greatly improved by using an online election process instead of paper ballots. Finally, we are in the process of implementing the simulcasting feature which allows MPA members to view and participate in the monthly meeting via webcast. With all these improvements, we can't help but succeed in growing our membership in 2011.

As if all these accomplishments weren't enough, MPA was the #1 topic of conversation at the 2010 NALA Convention because of all of the above mentioned innovative technology improvements we implemented. Since everyone wanted to hear about us, we decided to bid for a spot in the Affiliates Exchange session at the 2011 NALA Convention. We just found out that we won the bid! So, Sarah O'Neal and Donna Alderman will be presenting all of our innovative technology improvements to the full membership in July 2011. Congratulations guys on a great job!

Thank you for electing me to serve as the Region II Director this year. I have thoroughly enjoyed working on the Board and working for MPA. I look forward to serving again in 2011 as the Region I Director. Congratulations to my fellow Board members as well! Get ready to catch the **Enthusiasm Fever** that Sarah started and Donna Alderman will continue through 2011!

*Ammi Nunelee Gates, CLA*  
*Region III Director*

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Hello Region III members! Thank you for letting me serve as your Region III Director again this year. There have been many exciting changes in the Mississippi Paralegal Association in 2010. Look forward to more exciting changes in 2011!

*Cathy Shiflett, ACP*  
*Region V Director*

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Serving MPA as the Region V Director for 2010 has been both a privilege and a pleasure. I want to sincerely thank the membership and the Board for this fine opportunity.

One thing I have certainly learned from serving on the Board is that, in addition to the monthly Board meetings and the member meetings, Board members do a good bit of work behind the scenes that members

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may never hear about. Consider for a moment the planning and attention to details for seminars hosted by MPA; coordination by officers attending national conference to make sure MPA's participation is second to none; improvements to the MPA website for the benefit of the members; establishment of on-line communications to keep MPA members well informed; recordkeeping regarding new members, established members and MPA finances; and daily communications between officers regarding future planning and current operations, all done in accordance with MPA's charter and bylaws.

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# PRIZE WINNERS October 2010 Monthly Meetings

## October 2010

### **General Prizes:**

5-hand made foot salts soak baths (acquired by Zenda Heafner), 2 -\$15.00 JC Penny gift cards (acquired by Steven Jones), and 3-gift bags (acquired by Gwen Burgess).

### **General Prize Winners:**

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Pear Green  
Rachel James-Terry  
LaTonya Welch  
Rachel Nesbit  
DaLinda Hefner  
Bonnie Parkinson  
Kim Badillo  
Mary Blackburn  
Mary Lynn Underwood



### **Winners of a Gift Certificate to PF Changs**

Linda Dale -Watkins Ludlam Winter & Stennis, P.A.  
Courtney Simmons-Watkins & Eager, PLLC  
Paula Joyner-Chhabra & Gibbs, P.A.  
Vicki Phillips – Brunini Law Firm

# NEWSFLASH!

MPA has been selected as one of the presenters during the Affiliates Exchange session at the 2011 NALA Convention and Summer Institute in Dallas, Texas on July 27-30. Sarah O'Neal, 2011 NALA Liaison, and Donna Alderman, 2011 President, will show a PowerPoint presentation highlighting MPA's efforts to increase membership numbers and educate the public about the organization through the use of technology.

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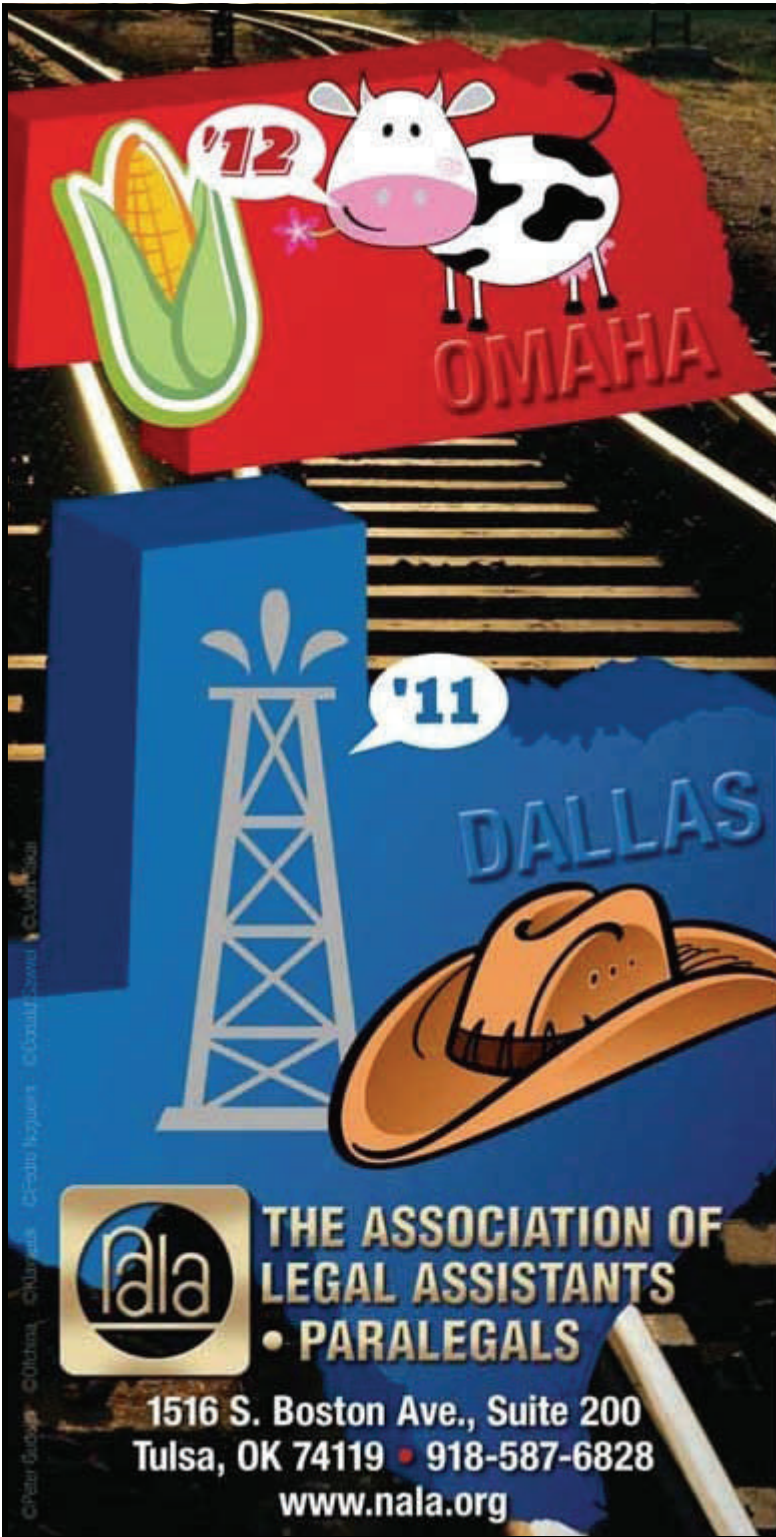
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- Sarah L. O’Neal, ACP.....NALA Liaison
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- Bridget Breithaupt, CP.....Region I Director
- To be appointed by the Board....Region II Director
- King Farris, CP.....Region III Director
- Sharon Gowan.....Region IV Director
- To be appointed by the Board....Region V Director

The 2011 Proposed Budget was approved.



## **NALA 2011 Convention Moves!**

The destination for NALA's 36th Annual Convention & Summer Institutes, July 27-30, 2011, will be held in DALLAS instead of OMAHA. The Omaha Hilton recently announced a construction project conflicting with our July convention dates. The hotel worked with NALA to change the location for this year and to make Omaha our destination in 2012.

The site for the 2011 NALA Annual Convention will be:

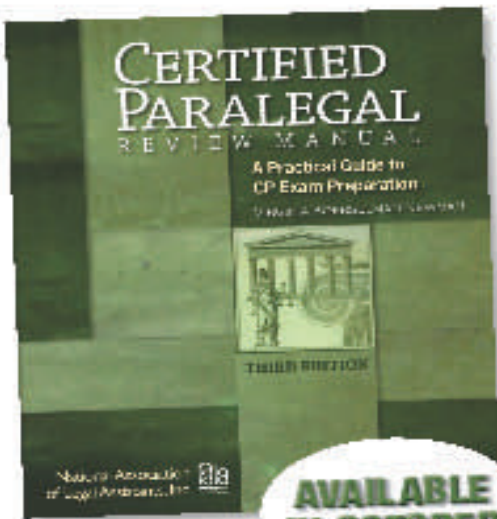
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in your NALA  
Meetings Calendar!**

# Holmes Community College Association of Legal Students

The Fall 2010 semester was busy, yet productive. Students learned about various areas of law, including Family Law, Wills & Estates, Civil Litigation, Real Property and Torts. Students participated in several community service projects. Twice this semester, we served at Stewpot, a local food pantry, as well as collected canned foods to donate. We also collected coats, socks and blankets for a ministry that serves the underprivileged in downtown Jackson and worked with the Salvation Army to “Stuff the Truck”, collecting presents for Mississippi “angels”. Students participated in MPA’s Student Essay Contest and attended MPA monthly luncheons. Classes for the Spring Semester begin 1/5/11. If you are interested in obtaining your paralegal degree, please contact Darleen Dozier at 601-605-5279 or [ddozier@holmescc.edu](mailto:ddozier@holmescc.edu).

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## **Salvation Army, Stuff The Truck**

*By: Rachel Nesbit*

Did you know that there were over 8,000 needy children listed on the Salvation Army's Angel Tree this year? Let me just put those numbers into perspective – the average elementary school in Mississippi holds approximately 700 students. Could you imagine roughly twelve elementary schools where not one student would receive a gift for Christmas? That is a lot of kids! Thanks in part to the efforts of MPA volunteers, all of those children will receive gifts this Christmas!

Beginning at 9:00am on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, MPA Members camped out in front of the Toys R Us on County Line Road ready to help adopt out these Angels. It was cold, cloudy, and windy, but that didn't stop us! Santa and Geoffrey the Giraffe even stopped by for a visit! Several members, and even some non-member volunteers, rotated throughout the day, with the final shift closing up around 8:00pm.

Scott Steele with US 96.3 said MPA “rocked it”! Several MPA Members volunteered, but we also had student volunteers from Hinds Community College and Holmes Community College. Even our smallest volunteers – 7 year old Genesis Cannon (daughter of Jennie Cannon) and 8 year old Stevie Nesbit (my daughter) worked so hard! A big congratulations to the law firm Forman Perry Watkins Krutz & Tardy, LLP for having the biggest turnout of volunteers! Way to go, Forman Perry!

I cannot thank you all enough for supporting MPA's goal of having “Paralegal Day” at Stuff the Trucks! If you did not get the opportunity to volunteer on December 4<sup>th</sup>, the Salvation Army is still in need of volunteers to help wrap and give the gifts to the Angel Tree families. This is the season of giving – sometimes giving your time is the most valuable of all. Merry Christmas everyone!

### **A big THANK YOU to the following volunteers:**

Donna Alderman  
Kim Badillo  
Mary Blackburn  
Janie Boyd  
Nina Buckhaultler, *Hinds CC*  
Genesis Cannon  
Jennie Cannon  
Darleen Dozier  
Gwendolyn Edwards, *Hinds CC*  
Ammi Gates  
Brian Gates  
Tameika Givens  
Pearl Green



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Shala Howell, *Hinds CC*  
Sueellen Johnson  
Kathy Mangum  
Stevie Nesbit  
Ralph O'Neal  
Sarah O'Neal  
Shantaye Payton  
Ashley Perry, *Hinds CC*  
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Tonia Pyles  
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## New South Radio, Inc.

Mrs. Rachel Nesbit  
Heilman Law Group  
110 E. Capitol Street  
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December 13, 2010:

Dear Rachel:

Please accept this letter as a hearty thank you for the incredible job that you and the members of the Mississippi Paralegal Association did as volunteers for the Salvation Army Angel Tree Toy Drive. The entire day that your group worked at Toys R Us proved to be one of the highest volume donation times that we've ever seen during the ten year history of our association with the Angel Tree program.

I can't express enough how amazing it was to have MPA members working together to achieve our goal. With your help, we were able to provide Christmas for more than 8,000 children across the Jackson metro. I received several compliments about how passionate and energetic your members were! This relates perfectly to the way shoppers responded to the call for help by adopting over 300 angels last Saturday alone.

Each and every one of you should be very proud of the time you spent at the toy drive. There is certainly no way we could've done it without you. Again, thank you just doesn't seem like enough. God Bless You!

Merry Christmas,

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## **NALA Member Survey Underway ...**

### **Social Networking These Days?**

Please click here (<http://budurl.com/NALASurvey>) to complete a very important survey to determine use of social networking sites by NALA members. While NALA has its own conference center for member-only communications, we'd like to know if members would also like to communicate with each other by other means, including Facebook and

LinkedIn. Please take a moment to complete the survey form. The responses will be helpful to us in developing communications plans for NALA members.

## **Certification News ...**

### **Directory of Certified Paralegals**

Employers and others rely frequently on the directory of Certified Paralegals feature on the NALA web site. Keep this in mind and use it to verify references or background checks. The list may be searched by state, last name and first name. Information on advanced certification is also included. A link to the directory is found on the left sidebar of each page of the pages under "Certification" on the NALA website.

### **Next Testing Window for the Certified Paralegal Exam Opens January 1, 2011**

If you are a member of a NALA affiliated association, working with NALA to set up testing centers in your area is a terrific service to your members. NALA affiliated associations have set up centers in schools in their areas, and some have established centers in law firms. Information about testing center and proctor requirements are on the NALA web site under Certification, Qualifying as a Testing Center: <http://www.nala.org/centerqualify.aspx>.

### **CLE Directory on the NALA Web Site**

**Check out NALA's Quick Guide to NALA CLE Courses and Subjects now on the web site under "Continuing Education." The direct link is: <http://www.nala.org/cle-guide.aspx>. This page lists in one place all of the educational programs NALA is or will be offering through mid 2011. This includes the subjects of the Spring 2011 NALA Campus LIVE programs, and all of the APC advanced courses. This is a handy reference and just may inform you of CLE offerings you did not know about. With about 70 on-line classes, audio versions of former NALA Campus LIVE programs, publications and our Summer Institutes, this is your one-stop list for your reference through the year. Hope this is helpful to you!**

### Coming to You in the January Career Chronicle ...

#### Update on Licensing Issue

The January 2011 issue of *Facts & Findings*, the Career Chronicle edition, will feature an article on occupational licensing. This is an update of Vicki Voisin's article published in 1998 which provides details about how states examine licensing proposals, and when a state may decide that licensing an occupation is needed. We've found that restricting entry into an occupation is often the last resort imposed by a state legislature. Also, there's no middle ground. Licensing or any procedure that is mandatory is a mechanism that regulates entry into a profession by law and is created by the legislature through a statute. Interesting food for thought...[click here](#) to access Vicki Voisin's original article is on the NALA web site under About Paralegals/ News and Articles.

#### Did you know ...

We all know that working paralegals spent their time working in a variety of practice areas. However we have also read claims that paralegals are tending to specialize in one or two areas. This is one question analyzed in the report of the NALA 2010 National Utilization and Compensation Survey. First we asked respondents to check practice areas in which they work (most checked 3 areas). From this list, we asked respondents to tell us which practice areas require more than 80% of their time. The top ten practice areas that appear to lean toward "specialization" are:

1. Civil Litigation
2. Personal Injury
3. Criminal Law
4. Administrative/Government/Public Law
5. Family Law/Domestic Relations
6. Insurance/Medical Malpractice
7. Intellectual Property *tie with* Mass Tort Litigation
8. Bankruptcy
9. Trust & Estates
10. Corporate

The survey report in its entirety appears on the NALA website at [www.nala.org/survey.aspx](http://www.nala.org/survey.aspx). A summary of the survey findings will appear in the January 2011 issue of *Facts & Findings*.

## 30th Anniversary Diamond Give-Away

The Mississippi Paralegal Association, Inc. (“MPA”) will be celebrating its **30th Anniversary in 2011 and we are celebrating our 30th in a BIG way.** In 2011, we will give away a 1 carat Blue and White Diamond necklace estimated to be worth between \$600 and \$700 dollars. See the Content Rules for all the details on how you can win this beautiful 1 carat Blue and White Diamond necklace and come celebrate 30 years of MPA with us.



### Contest Rules

1. You must be a member, in good standing, of MPA. Associate members are not eligible to participate.
2. Each member of MPA, in good standing, will have his/her name entered into the MPA 30th Anniversary Diamond Give-Away drawing once just for being a member. No Purchase is necessary to win.
3. Each time a MPA member attends a monthly luncheon, meeting, or seminar, (either in person, by purchase of MPA online CLE, through live simulcast, or by attending a Region Director meeting) that member's name is entered in the drawing. There is no limit to the number of times you can enter to win, if you participate in MPA activities.
4. The contest will run from January 1, 2011, through October 27, 2011.
5. The drawing for the MPA 30th Anniversary Diamond Give-Away shall take place at the October 27, 2011 Annual Membership meeting/luncheon. You need not be present to win, but it is encouraged.

**Get your name in the drawing to win by participating in MPA activities!**

No Purchase Necessary to win. The contest is open to MPA members, in good standing. Associate members are not eligible to participate. The prize is not redeemable in cash and must be accepted as awarded. By claiming the prize, the winner authorizes the use, without additional compensation of his or her name and/or likeness and/or voice/photograph and municipality of residence for promotion and/or advertising purposes in any manner and in any medium (including without limitation, radio broadcasts, newspapers and other publications and in television or film releases, slides, videotape, distribution over the internet and picture data storage)

which MPA may deem appropriate. In accepting the prize, the winner acknowledges that MPA may not be held liable for any loss, damages or injury associated with accepting or using this prize. Detailed contest rules applicable to this contest, including contest drawing dates, how to enter, and prize value, number and any restrictions applicable to this prize are available upon request from MPA, at 30th Anniversary Diamond Give-Away, Mississippi Paralegal Association, Inc., Post Office Box 996, Jackson, MS 39205. Winners must sign a release form as prepared and accepted by MPA acknowledging their acceptance and understanding of the complete contest rules. MPA retains the rights, in its absolute and sole discretion, to make substitutions of equivalent kind or approximate value in the event of the unavailability of any prize or component of the prize for any reason whatsoever. The winner is solely responsible for all federal, state, local, or other taxes applicable to winning this prize. This contest is subject to all federal, state and local laws. MPA reserves the right to withdraw or terminate this contest at any time without prior notice.

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