



PACO NEWSFLASH

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April 2007

MEET THE CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR THE 2007-2008 PACO EXECUTIVE BOARD!!!!

A candidates' forum will be held at our April 16th General Membership meeting and this will be your first opportunity to meet those who are running for office. Elections will be held at the June General Membership Meeting on June 18, 2006. Please plan on attending to vote for your new Board members. If you aren't able to attend, please vote by absentee ballot. Keep your eyes peeled for voting information sent via listerv.

Current Candidate Slate:

1. President- Catherine Hawes
2. 1st VP- Vacant
3. 2nd VP- Melinda Small
4. Secretary- Trina Hayes
5. Treasurer- Tom Bailey
6. Parliamentarian- Vacant
7. Statewide Rep.- Barry Kiser
8. Public Relations- Karen Pierson
9. Editor- Kristin Gordon
10. NFPA Rep.- Vacant
11. Student Liaison- Linden Rost

CLE INFORMATION

High Noon at the Bar Series. All events are held at noon at the Columbus Bar Association. Please bring your own lunch:

April 12, 2007: Identity Theft. Presented by Dave Stewart of Columbus State Community College.

April 25, 2007: E-Filing with the Secretary of State's Office. Presented by CT Corp.

May 14, 2007: The presenter is Paula Coulter, Columbus Bar Placement.

May 23, 2007: Topic to be announced and will be presented by Premier Global.

June 27, 2007: ABC's of NLP's [Non-lawyer professionals: paralegals, life care planners, legal nurse consultants and court reporters]. Presented by Donna Schoebel, Capital University Law School.

July 18, 2007: The topic will be announced. The presentation will be by Leading Tech Forensics.

Other dates to save for the High Noon series: September 26th, October 24th and November 28th. Please let me know if there is something of interest to you.

“SAVE THE DATE”: August 3, 2007 is the full-day seminar for paralegals sponsored by the CBA and PACO. Sounds like a long way off, but for planning purposes, it isn't. Please let me know of any topics or speakers that you would like to see on the program.

Last, but not least, if you are interested at all in helping on the CLE Committee, I could use your help. Please get in contact with Katie Essex.

STUDENT NEWS

The Student Liaison Committee has developed a workshop with the following topics to be presented:

Section I - Business/Law Office Etiquette and Communication

Section II - Marketing Yourself as a Paralegal

Section III - From School to the Real World of Working as a Paralegal

The workshop will be presented at the following schools:

Academy of Court Reporting -

Saturday - April 21, 2007 - 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Capital -

Section I – Room A121 - Tuesday, April 10 - 5 - 6 p.m.

Section II – Room 223 - Tuesday, April 17 – 5 - 6 p.m.

Section III – Room 223 - Tuesday, April 24 - 5 - 6 p.m.

Columbus State Community College -

Saturday - May 12, 2007 - Noon - 2:00 p.m.

***Students should bring their Resume and Cover Letter and be prepared for a Mini Mock Interview ***

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Reminder to Students - The deadline for Student Scholarships is May 1, 2007.

APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

5- Inter-Faith Legal Clinic; Time: 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Location: Broad Street United Methodist Church, 501 E. Broad St. (corner of Broad St. and Washington St.), Columbus; Free parking available at the State Auto parking lot on the Southeast corner of Broad St. and Washington St. The Inter-Faith Legal Clinic (a pro bono opportunity for paralegals) was established so low-income individuals can meet with an attorney to discuss legal issues. The Clinic receives help from the Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation, the Columbus Bar Association Pro Bono Section, and the Legal Aid Society. Paralegals can help by checking in clients, answering general questions, or interviewing clients prior to the clients meeting with an attorney. The Clinic meets the first Thursday of each month from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; volunteers do not need to stay the entire time. For questions or additional information contact Barry Kiser, at (614) 227-2113 or BKiser@porterwright.com.

12- HIGH NOON AT THE BAR; Time: 12:00 p.m.; Location: Columbus Bar Association, 175 S. Third St., Suite 1100, Columbus. Presenter: Dave Stewart of Columbus State Community College. Topic: Identity Theft. Contact cle@pacoparalegals.org for additional information.

16- General Membership Meeting; Time: 12:00 p.m.; Location: Columbus Bar Association, 175 S. Third St., Suite 1100, Columbus. Featured Speaker: Honorable Judge Patrick Sheeran, Franklin County Common Pleas Court. Contact pr@pacoparalegals.org for additional information or questions.

25- HIGH NOON AT THE BAR; Time: 12:00 p.m.; Location: Columbus Bar Association, 175 S. Third St., Suite 1100, Columbus. Presenter: P. Harrigan of CT Corporation. Topic: E-filing with the Secretaries of State offices. Contact cle@pacoparalegals.org for additional information or questions.

28- Statewide Alliance Meeting-Ohio Paralegal Associations; Time: 9:00 a.m. to Noon; Location: Offices of Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur LLP, 41 S. High St., Columbus; PACO will be hosting paralegal associations from Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dayton, and Toledo. Each association will report on activities and discuss issues common to all paralegals e.g., the unauthorized practice of law and the new paralegal certification program sponsored by the Ohio State Bar Association. For additional information contact Barry Kiser at bkiser@porterwright.com.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

General Membership Statistics

Total PACO General Members:	350
Paralegal Voting:	223
Paralegal Non-Voting:	47
Students:	66
No Voting Status:	14
Pending Board Vote:	2 (included in the above totals)

New Membership Applications – Regular / Non-Voting

- Amy D. Slotterbeck
Employer: Quest Communications (working as an Operations Technician)
Graduate of: Capital University Law School
Area of Law: N/A
PACO Committee: N/A

New Member Applications – Student / Non-Voting

- James C. Bardeen
Student at: CSCC
Anticipated Grad Date: Spring 2008
PACO Committee: N/A

*You are cordially invited to the
Annual Paralegal Day Celebration
hosted by the
Paralegal Association of Central Ohio*

*Monday, May twenty-first
Two Thousand and Seven
at twelve o'clock noon*

*The Westin Great Southern Hotel
310 South High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215*

RSVP by May 15 to
vp@pacoparalegals.org - \$25 per ticket





Ted Strickland
Governor of said State
hereby officially recognizes

OHIO PARALEGAL DAY
MAY 21, 2007

On behalf of all Ohioans, I am thankful that legal professionals personify the implementation of the laws through learned understanding of those laws for our government, protection, and freedom. In keeping with the high standards traditionally associated with the practice of law and delivery of legal services, paralegals have distinguished themselves and their profession. We honor the contribution and achievements of these dedicated professionals toward the betterment of society.

BEST WISHES IN ALL FUTURE ENDEAVORS!



ON THIS 21st DAY OF MAY, TWO
THOUSAND SEVEN.

Ted Strickland

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Governor

PACO TEAM PARTICIPATES IN ROCK 'N BOWL 2007- PRESS RELEASE

By Kristin Gordon, Public Relations Director, PACO, Pro-Bono, Publications committee member, Paralegal, Friedman & Mirman Co., L.P.A., pr@pacoparelgals.org

Five members of the Paralegal Association of Central Ohio (PACO) traded in their high heels for bowling shoes in mid-February - and all in the name of a worthy cause, of course.

These women, all members of the Pro-Bono Committee, partnered with the “sister” committee at the Columbus Bar Association February 17, 2007, for the event, which took place at Columbus Bowling Palace from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This fundraiser is an annual event coordinated by the Columbus Bar Foundation, and is a tradition that PACO has often participated with in the past.

Our PACO team consisted of: Jamie Childers of Bricker & Eckler and Tonya Hull of Vorys Sater Seymour and Pease; Catherine Hawes of Lane, Alton and Horst; Karen Pierson of Schottenstein, Zox & Dunn; and student paralegal Yivette Hopson.

The more than \$600 in proceeds that our team raised for this year’s event will benefit the Center for Child & Family Advocacy at Columbus Children’s Hospital.

A round of applause to the Pro-Bono committee for supporting this worthwhile cause, and to the law firms of Schottenstein, Zox & Dunn, and Lane, Alton and Horst, for sponsoring our team!

