



# PACO NEWSFLASH

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## WELCOME!!

By Amanda Cochran, President

PACO warmly welcomes Barry Kiser as the newest Executive Board member in the Statewide Representative position. While you all know Barry from his years on the board as Parliamentarian and Secretary, he will now try his hat at bringing PACO information about the other four Paralegal associations around Ohio. Most importantly, Barry will be representing PACO at statewide functions while giving PACO a voice!!! In his "other" life, Barry is a Paralegal with Porter Wright and specializes in corporate law and also participates in a local corporate paralegal focus group. Please send Barry a welcome at [statewide@pacoparalegals.org](mailto:statewide@pacoparalegals.org)

Speaking of warm welcomes, we can't forget Kristin Gordon who is our new chair of the Program committee. For those of you who may not know, we have a whole committee dedicated to planning and running our monthly general membership meetings at the CBA. Kristin is a paralegal with the firm Wonnell & Wonnell and has been an active member on the Newsletter/Publications committee over the last two years. If you'd like to join Kristin in planning our meetings into 2006, please contact her at: [program@pacoparalegals.org](mailto:program@pacoparalegals.org).

## TREASURER'S REPORT

By Mary Barnett, Treasurer

PACO Account Balances as of December 31, 2005:

National City: \$11,617.30

PaineWebber: \$17,362.87

## FEBRUARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Monday, February 27th 12-1 p.m.**

With the month of February honoring Black History, the topic of our meeting will be "Cultural Diversity in the Workplace"

Speakers will be presenting:

- Personal history/background
- Cultural sensitivities in the workplace
- Stereotypes v. Cultural Sensitivities
- Cultural awareness
- Understanding personal values
- Dealing with differences (e.g. communication, respect, being non-judgmental, personal knowledge and perception, displaying sympathy, toleration)

Featured speaker, DARRELL M. PIERRE, currently serves as corporate counsel in the office of general counsel for Nationwide Insurance. His professional background also includes serving as an Assistant Attorney General in the Ohio Attorney

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General's Office, and serving as a litigation associate in the firm Gallagher, Gams, Pryor, Tallan & Littrell. Darrell has also served as a federal court law clerk to the Honorable Terence P. Kemp, who serves as a magistrate judge in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio.

Darrell is a 1996 graduate of The Ohio State University's Moritz College of Law, and he also holds a Master of Business Administration degree from Franklin University. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree summa cum laude from Dillard University. Darrell has also taught legal writing as an adjunct professor at the Moritz College of Law, and he currently serves as an MBA Coach for Franklin University's Master of Business Administration Program. He is also involved in several local charitable organizations, and he recently completed a two year term as Chair of the Board of Trustees for the Isabelle Ridgway Nursing Care Center.

## FEBRUARY BROWN BAG EVENT

Please join us on February 22nd for our monthly Brown Bag Series "High Noon at the Bar." This month's speaker will be Joyce Frabott, Interim Manager of the Civil Division of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas. The topic of the presentation will be "Top 10 Common Filing Mistakes Made at the Clerk's Office." The presentation will take place from 12:00 until 1:00 p.m. at the offices of the Columbus Bar Association: 175 S. Third St., 11th floor. No RSVP is necessary- just bring your own lunch!

## SHORT-TERM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

If you did not get a chance to participate with PACO in 2005, there's more to come in 2006. Are you interested in a short-term committee that will finish within six months? Are you wanting to give back to the paralegal profession but just cannot give a year's commitment? Here are some opportunities for you where PACO can currently use extra hands:

1. The PARALEGAL DAY celebration has been scheduled for May 15th at noon as a luncheon. Planning is underway and we can use all of the help we can get. Erin Linville is the committee chair and has scheduled a Paralegal Day Committee meeting for February 7th at 6 p.m. at Club 185. Appetizers and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. For more information, please contact Erin directly at: [pr@pacoparalegals.org](mailto:pr@pacoparalegals.org)

2. The ELECTIONS COMMITTEE is currently being formed to oversee PACO's election of officers for the 2006-2007 term. Elections will be held in June 2006. We have not yet set a date for our meeting, as we are still in the process of gathering interested parties to serve on the committee. For more information, please contact Becky Cain directly at: [vp@pacoparalegals.org](mailto:vp@pacoparalegals.org)

3. The BYLAWS COMMITTEE is currently in the process of amending the bylaws governing our organization. PACO would like to review its current procedures to ensure that our organization remains in good standing compliance. If you are a PACO member and have any interest in drafting regulations, ordinances, rules or laws, PACO's Bylaws Committee would like to hear from you. Make this your year to get involved. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend an overview meeting with PACO's new Parliamentarian, Andrea Sullivan, on Wednesday, February 8, 2006. The meeting will be held at The Spaghetti Warehouse (397 W. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215) from 11:30 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. Lunch and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided, so an e-mail rsvp to [bylaws@pacoparalegals.org](mailto:bylaws@pacoparalegals.org) is preferred no later than Monday, February 6, 2006.

## PACO'S CELEBRATION OF PARALEGAL DAY 2006

With the signing of proclamations by both the Governor of Ohio and the Mayor of Columbus, May 15th will be our celebration date. In the spirit of these declarations, PACO would like to spotlight the contributions of Paralegals to the legal process and honor them for their service to the Columbus community. Paralegals, after all, do not practice law. We do, however, make important contributions to the legal process. Plans are underway for a luncheon event to celebrate our profession. Stay tuned for details including location, time, and rsvp information!

## SAVE THE DATE

# Columbus Paralegal Education Summit

## Timely Topics for the Legal Professional

**Date: April 28, 2006**

**Time: 9:00 am - 4:30 pm**

**Location:**

**Columbus Bar Association**

**175 S. Third Street**

**Suite 1100**

**Columbus OH 43215**

**Registration will begin at  
8:30 am.**

PACO and the Columbus Bar Association will be hosting an all day seminar for Paralegals. Please save the date and be looking for more information about this educational opportunity.



**Contact:**

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**Emily Eastin—340.2060 or  
Emily@cbalaw.org**

## SAVE THE DATE

## COLUMBUS STATE MOVES FORWARD ON LAW DAY CELEBRATION

By Natalie Walden, Paralegal/Compliance Specialist, Nationwide Life Insurance Company, PACO Student Liaison Coordinator/Committee Chair, PACO Newsletter Committee

Mark your calendar: May 1, 2006 is Law Day! The Columbus State Community College (CSCC) will for the fifth year participate in the nationally proclaimed Law Day celebrations. As you know, Law Day has been celebrated around the country since 1958 when then President Eisenhower via proclamation proclaimed in part, "... I urge the people of the United States to observe the designated day with appropriate ceremonies and activities, and I especially urge the legal profession, the press, and the radio, television and motion picture industries to promote and to participate in the observance of that date. "

The CSCC Student Paralegal Association (SPA) has undertaken the task to follow the proclamation's spirit. They will sponsor the presentation of the mock trial People v. Mitchell. Not only will the paralegal student's participate, but law enforcement students will participate as well. The jury will be selected from middle and high school students who have been invited to join in the morning's festivities.

The mock trial will be presented on May 1, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. in Nestor Auditorium. Seating is available, so plan on joining in on the celebration.

# NEWS FROM THE OSBA PARALEGAL/LEGAL ASSISTANT COMMITTEE

The Ohio State Bar Association's Paralegal/Legal Assistant Membership Outreach sub-committee is planning a "Membership Outreach Spring Event" scheduled for Saturday, March 25th at the offices of the Ohio State Bar Association. Unlike other OSBA committee meetings, this event is being held as a special "program" for current committee members, potential members, and students alike.

The morning will start at 9:30 with registration and a light breakfast followed by program of the following topics:

1. Updated UPL info
2. Benefits of being OSBA members: Are you maximizing your benefits?
3. Casemaker demonstration
4. Warm welcome from Judge Long
5. News from around Ohio
6. Sub-committee updates
7. Ohio Notary update/refresher

Our event will end with a buffet lunch and an opportunity to mix and mingle with paralegals across the state, as well as with our featured speakers. Please be watching for an invitation from Judge Long, along with a flyer of finalized topics where you will find RSVP information and directions to the OSBA offices. We hope to see you there!

## UPCOMING PRO BONO OPPORTUNITY

Please be advised that the Pro Bono Committee will be having their second Will Project, to be held at Highland Elementary School on February 25th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Please contact Sheri Shainfeld at [sshainfeld@bdblaw.com](mailto:sshainfeld@bdblaw.com) if you have any questions or would like to volunteer. We are still in need of paralegal volunteers (no experience in trusts/estates needed), attorney volunteers, and secretarial volunteers. In addition, if anyone knows of someone that would benefit from this project, please have them contact Sheri to reserve a space to get their Wills and Power of Attorneys prepared.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**February 2, 2006 12:00 p.m.**

**Membership Committee meeting**

Location: Max & Ermas City Center

Contact: [membership@pacoparalegals.org](mailto:membership@pacoparalegals.org)

**February 7, 2006**

**Law Day Committee Meeting**

Club 185, 185 East Livingston Ave., (ample parking across the street)

Contact: [pr@pacoparalegals.org](mailto:pr@pacoparalegals.org)

**February 8, 2006 11:30-12:15**

**Bylaws Committee Meeting**

Location: Spaghetti Warehouse

Contact: [bylaws@pacoparalegals.org](mailto:bylaws@pacoparalegals.org)

**February 22, 2006 Noon-1:00 p.m.**

**High Noon at the Bar**

Top 10 Common Filing Mistakes Made at the Clerk's Office  
Presented by Joyce Frabott, Interim Manager Civil Division,  
Franklin Co. Common Pleas

**March 6, 2006**

**Deadline to submit Paralegal of the Year Nominations**

Visit [www.legalassistanttoday.com](http://www.legalassistanttoday.com) and click on the Paralegal of the Year Award

**March 17, 2006 1:30 - 2:30**

**NFPA Association Management Teleconference**

Review of Governing Documents

Contact: [NFPA@pacoparalegals.org](mailto:NFPA@pacoparalegals.org)

**April 28, 2006 All Day Seminar**

**Paralegal Seminar**

Location: CBA

Contact: [cle@pacoparalegals.org](mailto:cle@pacoparalegals.org)

**May 15, 2006 Noon**

**Law Day Luncheon**

Location: The Westin Great Southern Hotel

Contact: [cpr@pacoparalegals.org](mailto:cpr@pacoparalegals.org)