



PACO Newsflash

The monthly publication of the Paralegal Association of Central Ohio
P.O. Box 15182, Columbus, OH 43215 | 614/470.2000

February 2008

2008 OSBA Certified Paralegal Application deadline is March 31st

by Barry Kiser / PACO Statewide Representative / bkiser@porterwright.com

March 31st is the deadline for paralegals to apply to earn the OSBA Certified Paralegal credential in 2008.

For lawyers, this credential assists in identifying the best qualified paralegal professionals. For clients and the public, it demonstrates that a paralegal has met a uniform standard of professionalism.

A paralegal eligible for certification is a person, qualified by education, training or work experience who is employed or retained by a lawyer, law office, corporation, governmental agency or other entity and who performs substantive legal work for which a lawyer is responsible. This credential, along with an appropriate logo may be used by the paralegal to the extent permitted by the Rule for the Government of the Bar. The program is patterned after the legal specialization program administered by the OSBA.

Applications are now available at www.ohiobar.org/paralegal. For more information, call Melissa Quick, OSBA Certification Manager, at (614)-487-4411, or send an email to her at mquick@ohiobar.org.

Seeking Webmaster



PACO is currently looking for a volunteer to run our website, www.pacoparalegals.org. If you have a knack for web design, are interested in working with the CBA on the upkeep of PACO's website, and/or are just a "computer geek" in general (OK –just checking to see if anyone actually is reading this!) then this

could be your animal. Please contact Catherine Hawes at president@pacoparalegals.org for more information. This is a very unique and worthwhile committee position.

In Memorium...

Paula A. Kerns



Paula A. Kerns, Freelance Probate Paralegal, passed away in her sleep on Sunday, January 5, at age 63. Paula was a devoted daughter, loving mother, doting grandmother, respected colleague, and a friend to many. She will be

sorely missed by those whose lives she touched.

A Parkersburg, West Virginia native and long time resident of Westerville, Paula began her legal career as a legal secretary for attorneys Jim Pyle and Rob Drake at Reese, Pyle, Drake & Meyer, in Newark.

After receiving her degree in legal assisting from Capital University in 1981, Paula worked as a probate paralegal for attorney Tom Bonasera at Crabbe, Brown & Jones and later at Thompson Hine, before becoming a freelance paralegal in 1994.

Paula displayed tremendous empathy and a special talent for putting clients at ease in their time of grief. In the course of her legal career, Paula earned the respect of her professional colleagues and attorneys, not only for her vast knowledge and technical expertise in the field of probate law, but also for her strong sense of commitment and professionalism.

PACO would like to extend their sympathy to Paula's family, friends and colleagues. She will be missed by those whose lives she touched.

Submitted by: PACO President Catherine Hawes & Public Relations Director Karen Pierson, chawes@lanealton.com; kpierson@sxd.com

PACO

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 19

Brown Bag Lunch Series, “High Noon at the Bar”

Time: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Columbus Bar

Topic: Robert Half Legal. Bring lunch. Contact cle@pacoparalegals.org for additional information or questions.

February 25

General Membership Meeting

Time: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Columbus Bar

Topic: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). Lunch provided to the first 50 members. Contact cle@pacoparalegals.org for additional information or questions.

March 17

General Membership Meeting

Time: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Columbus Bar

Topic: Unauthorized Practice of Law-Alan Asbury from Ohio Supreme Court. Lunch provided to the first 50 members. Contact cle@pacoparalegals.org for additional information or questions.

March 25

Brown Bag Lunch Series, “High Noon at the Bar”

Time: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Columbus Bar

Topic: NRAI/NSI- Independent Directors and Process Agents, Entity Management Overview/ Corporate Compliance. Lunch provided. Contact cle@pacoparalegals.org for additional information or questions.

Holiday social wrapped up PACO's 2007

by Karen M. Pierson / Public Relations Director / kpierson@sgd.com

PACO members and guests enjoyed a delightful pre-holiday evening December 6th at the annual Holiday Social.

This year, more than 100 guests were treated to a wide array of delicious appetizers, desserts and festivities, while being entertained by singers Paul & Paula Latham. Everyone got into the holiday spirit.

PACO gives a special thank you to the law firm of Lane Alton & Horst, where the event was hosted. Many thanks also to the volunteers who worked on and at the event, and our sponsors, who make the event a yearly possibility.





PACO

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 21

General Membership Meeting

Time: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Columbus Bar

Topic: Code of Regulations vote presented by PACO Bylaws committee. Lunch provided to the first 50 members. Contact cle@pacoparalegals.org for additional information or questions.

April 29

Brown Bag Lunch Series, "High Noon at the Bar"

Time: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Columbus Bar

Topic: To be announced. Lunch provided to the first 50 members. Contact cle@pacoparalegals.org for additional information or questions.

June 17

General Membership Meeting

Time: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Columbus Bar

Topic: Executive Board Election. Lunch provided to the first 50 members. Contact cle@pacoparalegals.org for additional information or questions.

June 24

Brown Bag Lunch Series, "High Noon at the Bar"

Time: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Columbus Bar

Topic: Robert Half Legal. Lunch provided. Contact cle@pacoparalegals.org for additional information or questions.

Submitted by Amanda S. Coleman,
CSCC Adjunct Professor

Students and alumni
welcome!

February 28

Networking Event

Time: 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
(open mingle)

Location: The Jury Room,
22 E. Mound Street

Regular attendees include: students,
alumni, instructors, prosecutors,
defense attorneys and judges.

March 1

General Membership Meeting

Time: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Franklin Hall, Room 110

Topic: An introduction to PACO
(with networking and internship
theme)

A Formal Adopt-A-Family Thank You Note from St. Vincent's

Dear Adopt-a-family Volunteer:

Thank you all so much for helping us make Adopt-a-family a huge success this year! We helped bring joy to over 230 families this holiday season, not many people can say that every day! Personally, I was touched by how hard you all worked. You truly wanted the program to be successful, and I am so grateful for that. Columbus is lucky to have had so many people who care about families and children in need.

As you saw over the past few days, we really could not have done anything without each and every one of you! I cannot say thank you enough!

May you all have a wonderful and safe
Holiday!!!

Bridget Kelly Holian
Development Coordinator,
St. Vincent Family Centers,
Columbus, Ohio

New Summation Book Available

"Summ it Up," a book authored by Michelle Kovitch of Litigation Management Technologies, is available for purchase.

According to Kovitch: "There has been a need for this reference guide for years."

Kovitch touts that this book "bridges the communication gap between IT, Litigators, & Vendors;" that each chapter "mirrors the litigation timeline;" and it "provides step by step how to and when to use each tool."

For more information or to order, go to www.lmtsupport.com, or call 678/467-6624.

Rock 'n Bowl 2008

by Karen M. Pierson / Public Relations Director



PACO will participate in Rock 'n Bowl 2008, an event benefiting the Center for Child and Family Advocacy at Nationwide Children's Hospital.

Rock 'n Bowl 2008 will take place at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 16, 2008 at the Columbus Square Bowling Palace. Rock 'n Bowl is sponsored, in part, by the Columbus Bar Foundation, so the legal community will be well represented at this event, including guest judges!

WE NEED SOME BOWLERS – GOOD OR BAD - FOR OUR TEAM, THE PACO ALLEYCATS!

Student members of PACO are welcome and encouraged to help our two teams!

To find our team and to join up, follow this link and type in PACO:

<https://giving.nationwidechildrens.org/NETCOMMUNITY/SSLPage.aspx?pid=342&srcid=344&tab=1>

To visit the PACO team page to make a donation and track our progress, follow this link :

<http://giving.nationwidechildrens.org/NETCOMMUNITY/Page.aspx?pid=343&srcid=342&frtid=42>

Please contact PACO Public Relations Director Karen Pierson with any questions, at kpierson@szd.com.

Looking forward to rocking and bowling with the PACO team.

The Development Board of Nationwide Children's Hospital invites you to:

2008



Rock 'n Bowl



Benefiting the Center for Child and Family Advocacy at Nationwide Children's Hospital

Saturday, February 16th at Columbus Square Bowling Palace

SAVE THE DATE

February 11-12, 2008

PARALEGAL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Looking for a last minute “mini-vacation” this winter? Is your firm or employer asking you if you want to attend CLE’s for 2008? The Paralegal Leadership Institute, in co-sponsorship with the Corporation Service Company, is hosting a two-day seminar February 11 and 12 in New York City at the Roosevelt Hotel.

This seminar is a day and a half of more than 30 workshops, including topics such as litigation, E-discovery, corporate transactional, and IP, to name a few.

For more information or to register online, visit www.estrinlegaled.com, or call 888/803.8807.

May 19, 2008

PARALEGAL DAY 2008

The Public Relations committee is gearing up to help organize the Paralegal Day 2008 committee. Are you looking for a short-term commitment? If so, please send an E-mail with your interest to Karen Pierson at pr@pacoparalegals.org or Catherine Hawes at president@pacoparalegals.org.

Please save the date of May 19, 2008 for this annual event. Also, check out the Spring edition of the Citator due out in March for more updates on this event and how to get involved! We will be celebrating PACO’s anniversary!

ELECTIONS DAY 2008

If Paralegal Day’s committee doesn’t “tickle your fancy,” how about an even shorter term commitment as a part of the 2008-2009 Elections Day Committee? You can be involved by helping to nominate and elect our new executive board for 2008. This is a very important process of PACO, so even if you don’t run for a position on the board, be involved by helping elect our new board!

Editor’s note:

February is Black History Month, a long-standing tradition honored and recognized by PACO. Please enjoy this article and information submitted by our Executive Board President, Catherine Hawes, from the Black Collegian Online – www.black-collegian.com. See how many of the inventions you knew were from famous (or rather unknown) black inventors! See the Spring issue of the Citator for a more in-depth article about Black History Month.

Black Inventors and Inventions

Air Conditioning Unit:

Frederick M. Jones, July 12, 1949

Almanac:

Benjamin Banneker, Approx. 1791

Auto Cut-Off Switch:

Granville T. Woods, January 1, 1839

Auto Fishing Devise:

G. Cook, May 30, 1899

Automatic Gear Shift:

Richard Spikes, February 28, 1932

Baby Buggy:

W. H. Richardson, June 18, 1899

Bicycle Frame:

L.R. Johnson, October 10, 1899

Biscuit Cutter:

A.P. Ashbourne, November 30, 1875

Blood Plasma Bag:

Charles Drew, Approx. 1945

Cellular Phone:

Henry T. Sampson, July 6, 1971

Chamber Commode:

T. Elkins, January 3, 1897

Clothes Dryer:

G.T. Sampson, June 6, 1862

Curtain Rod:

S.R. Scratton, November 30, 1889

Curtain Rod Support:

William S. Grant, August 4, 1896

Door Stop:

O. Dorsey, December 10, 1878

Dust Pan:

Lawrence P. Ray, August 3, 1897

Egg Beater:

Willie Johnson, February 5, 1884

Electric Lampbulb:

Lewis Latimer, March 21, 1882

Elevator:

Alexander Miles, October 11, 1867

Eye Protector:

P. Johnson, November 2, 1880

Fire Escape Ladder:

J.W. Winters, May 7, 1878

Folding Bed:

L.C. Bailey, July 18, 1899

Folding Chair:

Brody & Surgwar, June 11, 1889

Fountain Pen:

W.B. Purvis, January 7, 1890

Furniture Caster:

O.A. Fisher, 1878

Gas Mask:

Garrett Morgan, October 13, 1914

Golf Tee:

T. Grant, December 12, 1899

Guitar:

Robert F. Flemming, Jr., March 3, 1886

Hair Brush:

Lydia O. Newman, November 15, 18--

Hand Stamp:

Walter B. Purvis, February 27, 1883

Horse Shoe:

J. Ricks, March 30, 1885

Ice Cream Scooper:

A.L. Cralle, February 2, 1897

Improv. Sugar Making:

Norbet Rillieux, December 10, 1846

Insect-Destroyer Gun:

A.C. Richard, February 28, 1899

Ironing Board:

Sarah Boone, December 30, 1887

Key Chain:

F.J. Loudin, January 9, 1894

Lantern:

Michael C. Harvey, August 19, 1884

Lawn Mower:

L.A. Burr, May 19, 1889

Lemon Squeezer:

J. Thomas White, December 8, 1893

Lock:

W.A. Martin, July 23, 18--

Lubricating Cup:

Elijah McCoy, November 15, 1895

Lunch Pail:

James Robinson, 1887

Mail Box:

Paul L. Downing, October 27, 1891

Mop:

Thomas W. Stewart, June 11, 1893

Motor:

Federick M. Jones, June 27, 1939

Peanut Butter:

George Washington Carver, 1896

Pencil Sharpener:

J.L. Love, November 23, 1897

Record Player Arm:

Joseph H. Dickenson, January 8, 1819

Refrigerator:

J. Standard, June 14, 1891

Riding Saddles:

W.D., Davis, Ocotber 6, 1895

Rolling Pin:

John W. Reed, 1864

Shampoo Headrest:

C.O. Bailiff, October 11, 1898

Spark Plug:

Edmond Berger, February 2, 1839

Stethoscope:

Imhotep, Ancient Egypt

Stove:

T.A. Carrington, July 25, 1876

Straightening Comb:

Madam C.J. Walker, Approx. 1905

Street Sweeper:

Charles B. Brooks, March 17, 1890

Phone Transmitter:

Granville T. Woods, December 2, 1884

Thermostat Control:

Frederick M. Jones, February 23, 1960

Traffic Light:

Garrett Morgan, November 20, 1923

Tricycle:

M.A. Cherry, May 6, 1886

Typewriter:

Burridge & Marshman, April 7, 1885

BYLAW

Committee Report

Committee Meeting Updates:

A revised redline of the code of regulations has been compiled, and was distributed to board members at the January, 2008 meeting.

Committee IMMEDIATE Goals:

Each board member had ten (10) days beginning 1/8/08 to review and make additional changes to be presented to the bylaw committee. Bylaw committee also reviewing the revised redline of the code of regulations for content, format, grammar, etc.

Committee Overall Goals:

To present a redline for final vote Spring 2008.

New Business:

None.

Old Business:

Revisit issue relating to board members requiring bonding. No comments received to date from non-traditional paralegals since flyer was launched.

1st VP

Report

Pro Bono Committee:

2008 Goal:

Need to work on new group of firefighters for the wills project. Will discuss with new committee chair the need for this to get underway.

There is a need for more PACO volunteer work to happen with this group in the legal field. Need to initiate contact with local pro bono organizations that can involve PACO paralegals in. As well, link this group to temporary assignments and/or companies that offer volunteer work

for paralegals looking for experience.

Discuss with new committee chair the 2008 committee meeting schedule and projected goals for the group.

Pro Bono committee successfully sponsored a family through the Adopt a Family Program thru St. Vincent for the holiday season.

Continue work on community outreach programs with aiding the needy in the community.

Military care kit was underway with the group.

Job Bank Committee:

25 new ads for PACO.

Website Committee:

Currently vacant.

CLE / Program Committee:

Continue with 2008 General Membership and Brown Bag dates.

Committee Overall Goals:

To provide PACO members with global information about our field and provide topics of interest to the group as a whole.

New Business:

None.

TREASURER'S

Report

Account balances as of 12/31/07:

National City - \$17,705.17
UBS - \$18,806.11

Total: \$36,511.28

STATEWIDE

Representative Report

Statewide Alliance:

- I submitted some questions to the Toledo paralegal organization regarding the forum to survey what paralegals want by the way of the structure of the statewide forum and why they may not have attended the last one in Toledo. The final survey has yet to come out but I will forward it to the listserv after it is put together to see what responses we may get. This is especially of interest to us as PACO is scheduled to host the next forum in the Fall of 2009.
- I sent the request for membership criteria via email to the other statewide representatives, asking them to respond directly to Linda Halter of the Lexington association and providing her contact info.

OSBA:

- Paralegal Committee meeting is Saturday January 12 at 9:30 am at the OSBA offices. I do not have an agenda yet but likely topics may be the certification exam, newsletter topics, and updates of what is happening with each association.
- Applications for the paralegal certification exam are now available online at <http://www.ohioabar.org> until March 31. The application process is entirely online. The exam will be administered May 31 at the OSBA offices in Columbus.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Report

New Business:

The PR Committee assisted with planning and hosting the PACO Holiday Social.. John Striker, a committee member, took RSVP's for the party and compiled a guest list. Other committee members assisted with decorations.

Karen Pierson sent out press releases regarding the party, and there were two notices in the Daily Reporter with the invitation for the party. Several E-mails were also sent to the PACO listserv members reminding them of the party.

Graves Piano & Organ donated a keyboard and sound system for use during the party. Chelsea Collet of Clicks (and a committee member) provided a gift basket as a door prize and also volunteered at the party.

PACO sponsored a family through Adopt-a Family at St. Vincent's Children's Center. The committee bought, wrapped and delivered gifts for two families on December 18th at the Franklinton and Eastside offices. One family consisted of a mother with three young children, and the other family was a mother and daughter. Toys, gift cards, food certificates, candy, snacks, decorations, and clothing was provided to the families. PACO received thank you notes from both families for adopting them.

A gift package was sent out to a Navy Legalman on December 28th from PACO. The Navy Legalman project has been turned over to the Pro Bono committee as of December.

The Public Relations Committee has been asked by President Catherine Hawes to commit to offering their assistance with Paralegal Day. The committee will attend the first organizational meeting is scheduled.