



THE BRIEF

January 2019

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



This time of year, as we reflect and take inventory of 2018, is the time to find things in our lives that are not working for us so that we can amend our goals and lifestyles. We re-evaluate friendships, health, finances and professional relationships. It is important to stretch ourselves but set attainable goals for 2019.

At the beginning of each year, I like to create a “vision page” that sets out words and images I would like to show up in my life that year. It’s as easy as flipping through magazines, cutting out pictures or key words, and gluing those words and images on a poster board. I put the poster somewhere where I see it daily (my bathroom or my closet) and am reminded of goals I am working on accomplishing. I have been doing this for several years now, and it always amazes me how many of these goals I actually achieve throughout the year.

Another way to visualize goals is to actually put them on a calendar. Eventually these things will become habit. Do what works for you.

Arrange your environment for success. Ask for support, and make yourself accountable. Chart your progress, whether it be writing in a gratitude journal or constant re-evaluation of your goals. Celebrate successes and be compassionate with yourself when you slip.

Resolutions are good. We strive to accomplish goals or change an undesired behavior; and in doing so, we improve our lives.

Take the first step: dream it and believe it!

Happy New Year!

Kristina Kennedy
President, 2018-2019

IN THIS ISSUE:

- January event calendar
- Member Recognition
- Keepin’ It Weird
- Pet of the Month



BOARD SPOTLIGHT

SECRETARY



Sherry Stowers,
Secretary

Happy 2019!!! May this year bring Peace, and opportunities to reach your goals. This will be my last term as Secretary of CAPA. Agreeing to serve in this position has been one of the best decisions I've made. I encourage anyone who desires to grow professionally and personally to consider serving on CAPA's Board! I am an Intellectual Property Paralegal with Parker Highlander PLLC and have lodged many years of experience in patent law. It's a different practice for most paralegals, but it's a rewarding place to be – on the ground floor of invention.

I'm grateful and honored to have served as Secretary of CAPA – a community of awesome paralegals.

#paralegalsareawesome



COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

MEMBERSHIP



Joni Bures Gruver,
Membership Chair

Joni is the Lead Paralegal at Powell & Leon, LLP, a firm that represents educational entities throughout the State of Texas. She has been a member of CAPA since 2014 and has loved serving on the membership committee for the past 2 years. Joni has worked in the legal profession for nearly 14 years and thoroughly enjoys serving her firms' public school district clients and volunteering for them throughout the state.

The Membership Committee is responsible for processing all new membership applications, receiving payment of dues, and confirming receipt of all required supporting documentation. CAPA's membership database is maintained through CAPA's Wild Apricot website.

The annual renewal process is initiated automatically via Wild Apricot, and the Membership Committee makes sure all renewing members submit the signed verification forms and CLE verification forms required for renewal, along with the payment of annual dues.

This committee could use help during the renewal period with everyone remembering to send in their required paperwork, but additionally: (1) by contacting members with reminders to submit the required verification forms before the end of the grace period, (2) just after the end of the grace period by contacting non-renewing members to offer to assist with reinstatement, and (3) database records management.

If you would like more information about the Membership Committee, please email: membership@capatx.org.

January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1  New Year's Day	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 CAPA Board Meeting
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21  MLK Day	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Monthly Meeting & CLE Luncheon	31		

UPCOMING EVENTS

(Click the links for details/registration)

- Jan 12** [CAPA Board Meeting](#)
- Jan 30** [January Meeting and CLE Luncheon - "Artificial Intelligence and the Ethical Practice of Law: Keeping Your Hands on the Wheel"](#)
- ***SAVE THE DATE*****
- May 3** [Spring \(full-day\) CLE](#)
Details coming soon!

January birthdays

Kellie Barahona
Megan Becker
Nicole Burrow
Gina Calvino
Leonel Carrillo
Chyna Christensen
Elizabeth Denson
Andrew Frisque
Paloma Gimenez
Diana Holder
Karina Jaimes
Stephanie Jumper-Thornburg
Kristina Kennedy
Whitney Kuryak
Kathie Landis
Jennifer LaRose

Leah Martino Dunn
Lisa Matthews
Amani Newton
Ellen Reeder
Francesca Romans
Jordan Shepherd
Paula Spears
Carrie Stewart
Mike Techow
Darla Thomas
Suzanne Yoder

Did we miss your birthday? [Log in and update your member profile](#), or let us know.



MEMBER INFO & NEWS



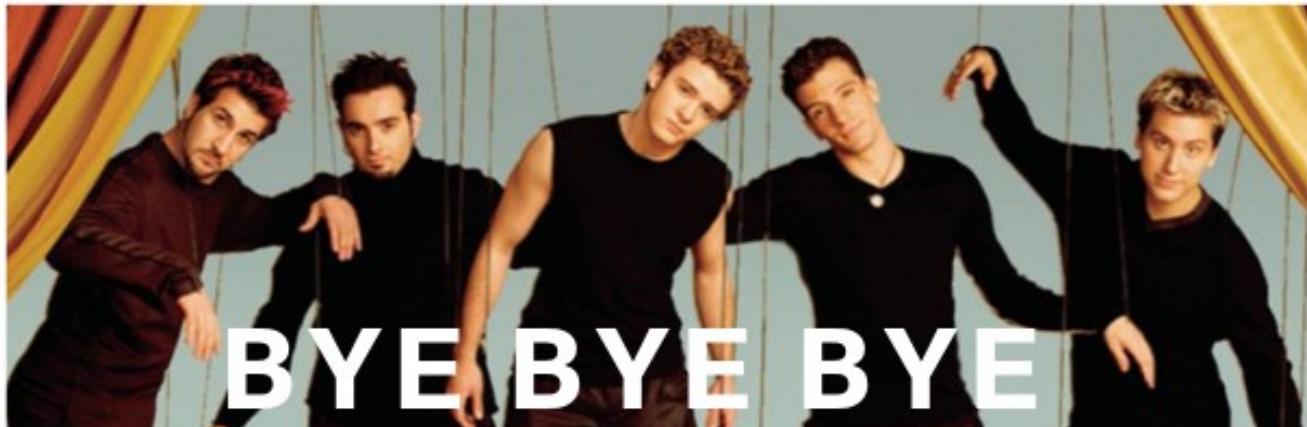
Congratulations!

William Cox, CP
&
Jennifer Lovejoy, CP

Newly NALA
Certified Paralegals!



Congratulations to
Shalyn Bridges, who was
named Executive Women in
Texas Government's 2018
Woman of the Year!



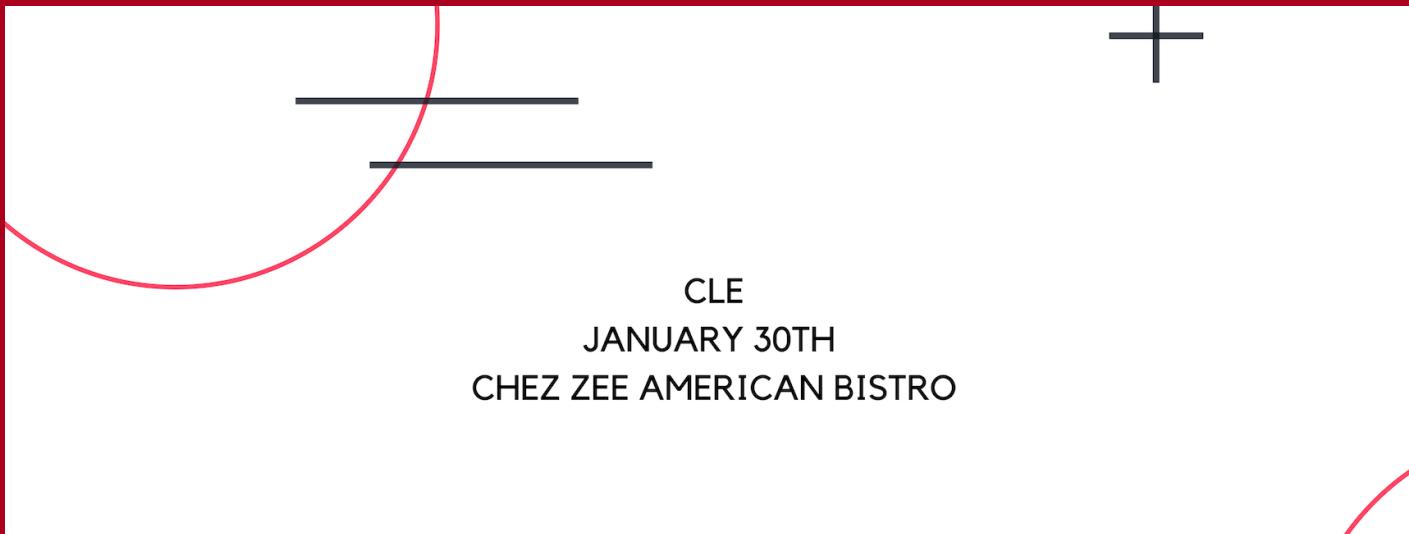
to the Civil Case Information Sheet!

On December 11, 2018, the Texas Supreme Court ruled that "...filing a civil case information sheet is no longer necessary. Accordingly, Rule 78a and Appendix A are repealed, effective immediately."

<https://www.capatx.org/resources/Documents/TXSupreme%20Court%20order%20re%20civil%20cover%20sheet.pdf>

CAPA Holiday Party 2019 • The Four Seasons Hotel





CLE
JANUARY 30TH
CHEZ ZEE AMERICAN BISTRO

DAVID CHAMBERLAIN
CHAMBERLAIN♦McHANEY

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

AND THE ETHICAL PRACTICE OF LAW:
KEEPING YOUR HANDS ON THE WHEEL!

TBLS & NALA EXPECTED

REGISTER AT WWW.CAPATX.ORG

Pet of the Month



Duchess

"This is my Pit mix being petted by my pool guy. I guess like any female, she loves a good-looking pool guy!"

Submitted by Lisa Mitchener

Submit a pet photo to
publications@capatx.org - if your pet is
featured, we'll send you some CAPA swag!



Ideas? Suggestions?

What do YOU want to see in The Brief?

Let us know!

publications@capatx.org

Keepin' it Weird



Larry realizes he has surpassed the optimal number of monitors



© Randy Glasbergen
glasbergen.com



FUN FACT:

The month of January was named for the Roman god Janus, protector of gates and doorways.



Janus is depicted with two faces, one looking into the past, the other into the future.



WORD OF THE DAY:

noun HAN-sul

1 : a gift made as a token of good wishes or luck, especially at the beginning of a new year.

2 : something received first (as in a day of trading) and taken to be a token of good luck.

HANSEL



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

2018-19 Flower Fund Beneficiary: The Dog Alliance

At each CAPA luncheon, flower pots are on the tables to collect your donations to the designated "Flower Fund" charity. CAPA will match donations collected for the year (up to \$250.)



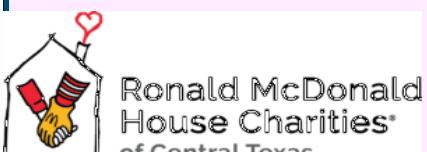
The Dog Alliance provides service dogs for veterans who are challenged by the visible and invisible wounds of war. They provide therapy dogs to reduce stress in the workplace, the airport, the courts and schools. They bring joy to patients in nursing homes and hospitals. They provide self-esteem building summer camps for kids who love dogs. The Dog Alliance encourages reluctant readers through their reading dog program.



Drop your change, bills, or checks into the flower pot on your table at the monthly luncheon, or [donate online](#).

The Community Services committee is making plans for CAPA to volunteer with The Dog Alliance as a group. **STAY TUNED!**

Ronald McDonald House



Bring us your Soda Can Tabs! Collecting soda can tabs is a great way to teach kids about philanthropy and the importance of recycling while raising funds to help children and their families at the same time.

Box Tops for Education



CAPA is collecting Box Tops to benefit low income elementary schools without PTA support. Clip Box Tops for Education "Box Tops" from the packages of hundreds of purchased participating products and bring them to the monthly luncheon.



SUSTAINING MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS

TEAM LEGAL



The Leader in Litigation Support

Support our Sustaining Members!

Log in to the CAPA website and find a sustaining member to fit your needs in the [SUSTAINING MEMBER DIRECTORY](#).

Sustaining Members: Want to be featured as a spotlight vendor? Contact a Sustaining Member Liaison at SUSTAINING@CAPATX.ORG

"Constable 5: your eFile service experts."
~ Constable Carlos B. Lopez



- ✓ Request Constable 5 for eFile process service (more info at constable5.com)
- ✓ Convenient online Service Check, 24/7
- ✓ All-inclusive fee includes Rush, Skip-Trace, Research, and exclusive access to law enforcement databases
- ✓ Daily delivery to State of Texas offices
- ✓ Delivery throughout Travis County and to surrounding counties

The Courthouse Constable
Constable Carlos B. Lopez
1003 Guadalupe
Austin, TX 78701

www.Constable5.com
Office 512.854.9100
Fax 512.854.4228





Our goal is to get your document delivered on time, every time!
We have courteous, uniformed couriers on duty 24 hours 7 days a week to serve you.

Improve your efficiency by using our online system to:

Submit delivery requests.

Confirm when your document was delivered and who signed for it.

Obtain online invoicing that allows you to bill your clients daily.

Look up prior delivery activity.

To open an account with us simply go to our website:

www.courierdepot.com and click on "New Account"

or call (512) 892-1876.



Specializing in Government Filings

Secretary of State Filings

Filings/Deliveries in other cities

Bikers for Downtown deliveries

Next Flight Out (TSA Authorized)

Notaries

HUB Certified

Nationwide Courier Network

Bobtails available

Out of Town drives

Night Drivers available

Public Record Search & Retrieval

Online Order & Tracking

Online Billing available

Computer Dispatching

Two way radio & Telephone contact

Uniformed Personnel

MASTERCARD/VISA/AMEX

**Thank you to all of CAPA's
wonderful
Sustaining Members**

We appreciate your support!



2018-19

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT	Kristina Kennedy, ACP, TBLS-BCP
PRESIDENT-ELECT	Brittany Posadas, MBA, TBLS-BCP
SECRETARY	Sherry Stowers
TREASURER	Brenda Colvin, TBLS-BCP
PARLIAMENTARIAN.....	Ruth Konderla
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT	Carli Collins

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

CP Study Group	<i>Vacant</i>	Programs-RSVP	Kara O'Shaughnessy
CLE Seminars-Lunch & Learn	Alice Lineberry, PLS, CP	Public Relations.....	Francesca Romans, ACP
Community Services	Melissa Tucker, TBLS-BCP	Publications	Carli Collins, Co-Chair
Job Bank.....	Amanda Garcia	Kara O'Shaughnessy, Co-Chair
Membership.....	Joni Bures Gruver	Rules & Bylaws.....	Pamela M. Etie, ACP, Co-Chair
Mentor/Internship Program	Amber Haney, Co-Chair	Francesca Romans, ACP, Co-Chair
.....	Brittany Posadas, MBA, TBLS-BCP, Co-Chair	Scholarship.....	Lisa Mitchener, TBLS-BCP
Networking/Social Events.....	Jennifer Chambless, Co-Chair	School/Student Liaison	Brittany Posadas, MBA, TBLS-BCP
.....	Tove Sebring, Co-Chair	Sustaining Member Liaison	Debbie Hartzer, Co-Chair
Pro Bono	Amber Haney, Co-Chair	Ruth Konderla, Co-Chair
.....	Stephanie Seuser, Co-Chair	Web Team.....	Pamela M. Etie, ACP, Co-Chair
Programs-Door Prizes	Sherry Stowers	Jennifer Rogers, CP, Co-Chair
Programs-Speakers	Ariane Walton		

THANK YOU FOR BEING A MEMBER OF
Capital Area Paralegal Association

AN AFFILIATE OF



Not a member? [Join!](#)

Connect with CAPA on social media:



The Brief is published monthly in Austin, Texas. For publication inquiries, email publications@capatx.org. The Brief is designed to provide a forum for reporting news and/or opinions of interest to CAPA members and other subscribers. The opinions expressed herein are solely those of the writer and not the Board or CAPA. Publication herein does not imply endorsement in any manner. No information contained herein is intended nor should it be construed as legal advice. Inclusion and editing of material is at the sole discretion of the editor.

Copyright © 2019 Capital Area Paralegal Association. All rights reserved.
Contact email: publications@capatx.org

You received this email as a privilege of your membership in Capital Area Paralegal Association and opted in at <http://www.capatx.org/>