



THE BRIEF

June 2019

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



What a busy and productive year it has been!

We've had some fun socials and listened to fascinating speakers at our CLE programs.

We have a CLA/CP study group that is up and running with both a north and south location, and a TBLS study group is on the horizon. Paralegals are supporting one another and promoting certification in the profession.

CAPA is growing by leaps and bounds. There are at least 95 more members than at this time last year, and we have a lot of members participating on committees. Members are more involved with community efforts and pro bono projects thanks to our amazing committee chairs.

The Austin Bar Association voted to add a paralegal division to its association this year. This is a huge accomplishment for all local area paralegals, not just CAPA members, in that we can participate more closely with attorneys and be a part of decisions and events that affect our profession.

I am extremely proud and appreciative of all of the hard work that CAPA members have put forth this year. It has been an honor to serve as President this term, and it will be fabulous to continue to watch CAPA grow in the future.

Kristina Kennedy, ACP, TBLS-BCP
President, 2018-2019

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Austin Bar Association Extends Membership to Paralegals

Earlier in the year, the Austin Bar Association’s board of directors voted to extend temporary membership status to paralegals, pending a full vote of the Austin Bar to amend its bylaws so membership could be extended to this important group of legal professionals. In early May, that proposed bylaw change was overwhelmingly approved by the membership of the Austin Bar.

Read about the benefits of membership and apply online at <https://www.austinbar.org/>

TAKE THE PRO BONO CHALLENGE

The Pro Bono Committee is challenging the entire CAPA membership to volunteer **FIVE** pro bono hours per year. Everyone who completes the challenge will be invited to attend the pro bono volunteer appreciation reception.

We are so proud of the pro bono service CAPA members provide! Please keep track of your pro bono hours through and outside of your employment duties using [this form](#), and email the completed form to the [Committee Chair](#). Reporting your hours every month will help us keep track of how many total hours CAPA members contribute to making the judicial system available to everyone in the Austin and surrounding area.

To read more about some of the pro bono projects where paralegal volunteers are needed, check out the [Pro Bono page](#) on CAPA’s website.





CAPA'S
2019-2020
BOARD OF
DIRECTORS

We're all in this together.

The 2019-20 Officers will be installed at the June 26 luncheon & Vendor Expo.





Volunteering with RAICES

By Ana Badillo



Throughout the years, I have volunteered with numerous non-profits, all which have had a mission that speaks to me and have taken up a special place in my life. However, there have been a select few that have truly transformed my outlook of life and have engraved a footprint in my heart. My most recent engraving came from the Karnes Project through the nonprofit RAICES.

RAICES (Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that dedicates themselves to promoting justice by providing free and low-cost legal services to underserved immigrants. One of the many services that they provide is the Karnes Pro-Bono Project. This project was founded in 2014 by a group of attorneys who were committed to meet the legal needs of women and children in detention centers. Since 2014, this project has come under direction of RAICES who now provides free legal services to detainees, including women, men, and children, in the Karnes Detention Center.

The majority of these detainees are Spanish speakers and the majority of the attorneys who provide pro-bono representation are English speakers which, unsurprisingly, paved the way for the demand of legal translators. As a native Spanish speaker, myself, I felt compelled to volunteer as a legal translator. My first trip to Karnes Residential Center took place this February and it was a heartbreaking, and devastating, but extremely rewarding experience.

The purpose for these trips is to prepare detainees for their Credible Fear Interview or Reasonable Fear Interview as they seek asylum. These interviews are essential, and one of the first steps, to the course of each individual's immigration case. While preparing each detainee, you witness a with a first-hand account of the horrifying series of events that these individuals have faced in their home country. Then their child or children come in and it becomes overwhelmingly difficult to contain your tears as you listen to the story through a child's eyes. As I translated, I had to force myself to maintain a poker face and I was surprised that I actually managed to do that. After pushing myself to prepare a few detainees the best that I could for their upcoming interviews, we wrapped up for the day and all of the volunteers were released to go home.

Once I got in my car, I sat there for a minute to soak in all of the information from the day and process all of the emotions that came with it. Almost instantly, my eyes started watering and I broke down crying. It was a feeling of impotency due to the length of time that each detainee will be at the detention center and the desperation that their eyes were trying to conceal. But with that impotency also came a burning desire to do more work with this incredible nonprofit. To do more for these individuals who are scared and who came here looking for a better future for themselves and their children. To give more to my community and to those who lack the legal representation that we, as humans, deserve; regardless of political opinions, regardless of backgrounds, or race.

RAICES holds a special place in my heart and I look forward to continuing to partner with them as we aid one refugee at a time.

— “Give, even if you only have a little.” - TB —

To learn more about RAICES, visit their [website](#), or email Ana at probono@capatx.org.

Congratulations

AMBER HANEY

AMBER IS THE RECIPIENT OF THE
2019 STATE BAR OF TEXAS
PRO BONO SUPPORT STAFF AWARD

The pro bono support staff award recognizes the outstanding and exemplary contributions of non-attorney volunteers who work on pro bono projects. The award promotes the awareness of pro bono activities that non-attorneys can participate in and encourages non-attorneys who work in the legal profession to volunteer their time and specialty skills to pro bono projects within their community. The award will be presented at the State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting in June.

CERTIFICATION MATTERS.



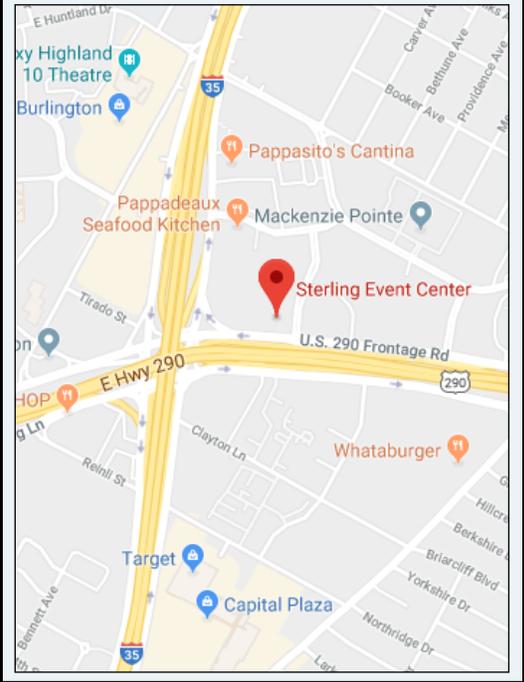
Deadline to apply
for the 2019
exam is **June 30.**

Find the
application at
www.tbbs-bcp.org

Established by **TBLS** in 1994, the **paralegal certification program** recognizes the quality of service provided by paralegals who have achieved a level of special knowledge in an area of law. Learn more and access the application online today.

**JUNE
LUNCHEON**
(no CLE this month)

PLEASE NOTE THE VENUE
CHANGE (for this month only)
Sterling Event Center
6134 US 290 E. Frontage Rd.
Austin, TX 78752

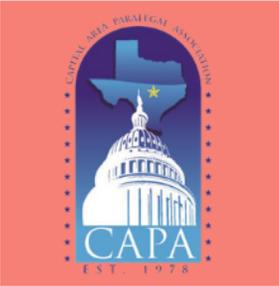


Wednesday
**JUNE
26**
11:45 am-1:15 pm

**JUNE LUNCHEON
VENDOR EXPO
&
INSTALLATION
OF 2019-2020
OFFICERS**

**Register by
June 19 to
avoid the late
fee**

**Arrive early so
you can visit
all the vendors
prior to Officer
Installation
and lunch!**



**Register
online at
capatx.org**

**STERLING
EVENT CENTER**
6134 US 290 E. Frontage Rd.
Austin, TX 78752

**Don't miss the
chance to meet
CAPA's amazing
vendors at one of
the most popular
events of the
year!**

VENDORS: If you are interested in participating in this year's vendor parade, please [reserve your vendor table](#) soon!
Tables are assigned on a first come, first serve basis.

MEMBERS: Plan to arrive early to allow time to visit the vendor tables prior to the meeting!
Register online by June 19*
*Please note the earlier registration deadline for this luncheon.

June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Legal Clinic for Veterans	11	12	13	14	15
16 <i>Father's Day</i>	17	18	19 Lunch & Learn	20	21 	22 CANLAW Clinic
23	24	25	26 Vendor Expo & Installation of Officers	27	28	29
30 TBLS Application Deadline						

UPCOMING EVENTS

(Click the links for details/registration)

- June 5 [Committee Chair Appreciation Event](#)
- June 10 [Pro Bono Opportunities: Legal Clinic for Veterans](#)
- June 13 [CAPA Board Meeting](#)
- June 19 [CAPA and Paralegal Division District 4 Lunch & Learn CLE Event: "How to Secure a Defensible Service of Civil Process"](#)
- June 22 [CANLAW Clinic](#)
- June 26 [Vendor Expo & Installation of 2019-2020 Officers](#)
- June 30 [TBLS Application Deadline](#)
- July 6 [Incoming/Outgoing Board Meeting](#)
- [Web Training for Incoming Board Members & Committee Chairs](#)
- [Incoming Committee Chair Meeting](#)

June Birthdays

- Shannon Beare**
- Dinah Haney**
- Jennifer Lovejoy**
- Martha Mabry**
- Kathleen Mendoza**
- Stacey Milazzo**
- Kara O'Shaughnessy**
- Lisa Marie Petrie**
- Kathryn Renfro**
- Juan Rodriguez**
- Vannezsa Smith**
- Harrison Stinnett**

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

Pet of the Month



Lincoln & Porter

"New CAPA member here! Enjoyed reading my first copy of the CAPA newsletter...I wanted to submit a photo of my dogs, Lincoln & Porter for the Pet of the month section. They are both 5 year old mini Australian shepherds. They love running the streets of Zilker Park, visiting outdoor restaurants and run a strict neighborhood watch program (lots of barking included)."

Submitted by Krissy Cooley

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



Ideas? Suggestions?

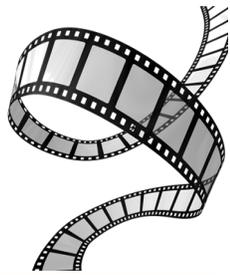
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Do512, Alamo Drafthouse & The Long Center Present
SOUND & CINEMA



Oh, those summer nights! Do512 and Alamo Drafthouse present Sound & Cinema on the Long Center lawn. Grab your friends and family and come experience **FREE** live and local music combined with classic movies and cult films projected onto the Drafthouse's giant, inflatable outdoor screen - all with a beautiful downtown view in the background.

What You Can Bring:

Personal water bottles, Folding Chairs, Blankets, Your Kids, Hot Date.
Pets: leashed, on lawn only

What You Can't Bring:

Alcoholic beverages of any type, Coolers of any kind, Glass bottles, Illegal substances, Weapons, Boom Boxes or Amplified Sound, Marketing leaflets or Other Promotional Items

June 19
The Goonies

July 10
Guardians of the Galaxy

July 31
Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban

August 14
10 Things I Hate About You

Doors and Food Trucks Open at 6:00 PM
Music at 7:30 PM
Movie Starts at Dark (around 8:45 PM)

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June 12th | July 17th | Aug 7th

<https://www.acl-radio.com/blues19>

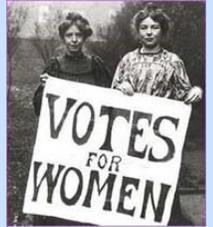
Keepin' it Weird

HI, HOW ARE YOU



FUN FACTS

June 4, 1919 - Congress approved the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution, guaranteeing voting rights for women. The amendment was then sent to each state for ratification.



June 13, 1966 - The Supreme Court decides *Miranda v. Arizona*, which requires law enforcement officials to advise criminal suspects of their rights before questioning them.

June 19, 1862 - Congress outlawed slavery in the United States thereby nullifying *Dred Scott v. Sandford*. The day later became known and celebrated as “Juneteenth.”



Monthly Dose of WEIRDNESS

In the spirit of June traditionally being the most popular month for weddings, here are some weird laws in Texas with regards to couples and marriage!

During that courtship phase, if you're in San Antonio, remember it is illegal for both sexes to flirt or respond to flirtation using the eyes and/or hands.

It is not required for both the groom and bride to be present during the wedding ceremony according to Sec. 2.007 of the Texas Family Code, Title 1., Subtitle A. (also known as a proxy marriage).

During your marriage ceremony, if you need to adjust your stockings (or any time in public) and are in Denison, Texas, you could be sentenced up to a year in the state penitentiary!

And finally, once you're married and want to treat your opposite sex spouse to a massage after a long day, Dallas City Code Sec. 25A-15 prohibits you from doing so. Better book that spa appointment instead!



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](#).

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.

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2018-19

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