

My name is Amber Haney, and I am honored to be nominated for President-Elect by the incoming CAPA President, Brittany Posadas. Based on my experience, qualifications, and goals for the organization, I humbly ask for your vote for President-Elect.

With more than 18 years of experience in the legal field, I've been the paralegal for The Haney Law Firm for 16 years. I have an Associate Degree of Applied Science in Paralegal Studies from Austin Community College, and a Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences (Summa Cum Laude) from Texas State University. I've presented to ACC paralegal classes, high school students, and in November 2018 at the CAPA Monthly Membership Meeting and Luncheon, I presented a TBLS-accredited CLE.

I am committed to advancing the professional profile of paralegals, and I strive to make meaningful contributions to the profession. I want CAPA to be the most successful and recognized paralegal association in Texas. I have carefully considered the position of President-Elect, its duties, and the commitment it requires, and I am ready for the challenge. I have a good understanding of CAPA's procedures, Bylaws, and Standing Rules, and I am familiar with the Board's role and how it functions. When considering the position of President-Elect, I found inspiration and support in Past-Presidents like Jen Rogers, who served as President-Elect and then President with no prior board experience, and Francesca Romans, who served as President-Elect for just three months prior to her presidency. What these ladies accomplished in a short amount of time solidified my decision to accept the nomination.

When I joined CAPA, I dove in and have remained engaged ever since. I've attended every Board meeting this term, submitting detailed monthly committee reports and offering ideas and support to the Board. During the past year, I have re-vamped CAPA's Pro Bono Program by recruiting and organizing paralegal volunteers for legal clinics. The Pro Bono Committee now has 9 members that meet monthly. I also assisted in revising the Pro Bono Committee section of the Procedures Manual. I feel that my knowledge and passion for pro bono service has helped motivate and encourage more participation among CAPA members, which has increased CAPA's and paralegals' recognition in the Austin legal community. As Pro Bono Committee Co-Chair, I recruited members who provided over 200 hours of pro bono service in the first quarter of 2019 alone! I also serve on the Austin Bar Association's Pro Bono Committee and the Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas Board of Directors. In addition to my pro bono work, I also have served as Co-Chair of CAPA's Mentor and Internship Program, helping to revive the internship program and continue expanding the reach of the mentor program. More recently, I assisted in facilitating a connection between the current Board and the Austin Bar Association in obtaining paralegal membership.

As President-Elect, I will work hard to accomplish three main goals alongside of the Board and President:

- (1) Facilitate paralegal members' integration into the Austin Bar Association. Through participation in the Austin Bar's volunteer events and CLEs, we can explore new opportunities that can help us grow individually, professionally, and as an organization.
- (2) Encourage and assist CAPA's committee chairs to breathe new life into each committee's missions and goals.
- (3) Cultivate leadership skills among our members through participation on committees and continued support of the Board.

I value the paralegal profession immensely, and I'm excited to provide worthwhile support to CAPA members through this leadership role.

If you have any questions about my vision for CAPA or would like to discuss why I am asking for your vote, please feel free to email me at amber@thehaneylawfirm.com. A copy of my CV is attached for further reference. Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration. I look forward to the opportunity to serve CAPA's membership.

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Education

Austin Community College
Associate of Applied Science in Paralegal Studies, 2010

Texas State University
Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences, May 2013, *Summa Cum Laude*, 3.99 GPA

Experience

The Haney Law Firm June 2007–Present
Senior Paralegal

Law Office of Susan J. Haney September 2002- June 2007
Legal Assistant

Professional Organizations

Capital Area Paralegal Association (CAPA), Voting Member June 2017 - Present
Pro Bono Committee Chair June 2018 - Present
Mentor and Internship Co-Chair June 2018 - Present
CLE Seminar Speaker Committee May 2019
CAPA Representative at Austin Youth Councils' Youth Career Fest January 2019

Austin Bar Association, Member May 2019 - Present
Pro Bono Committee October 2018 – Present

Member of the Pro Bono College of the State Bar of Texas 2015 - Present
(requires at least 100 hours of pro bono service yearly)

Texas Bar College (application pending) 2019
(requires at least 12 hours of CLE per year)

State Bar of Texas Paralegal Division, Member 2016 - Present
TAPS Planning Committee 2019
TAPS Prize Committee 2019

Volunteer Legal Services
Board of Directors 2019

Speaking Engagements

Estate Planning and Probate. What happens when you die without a will? April 2019
Get Your House Together Seminar, Greater Mt. Zion Church.

Pro Se Litigants and Uncontested Family Law Basics. November 2018
Capital Area Paralegal Association Monthly Meeting, TBLS Accredited CLE

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The 10 Qualities of an Effective Paralegal
Advanced Civil Litigation Course, Austin Community College

July 2018, 2019

Importance of Estate Planning.
Austin Insurance Association Meeting

June 2015

Other Community Involvement

Meals on Wheels of Central Texas	2010 - Present
Volunteer Notary for Austin Hospice's Christopher House	2016 - Present
CANLAW Clinic Volunteer	2016 - Present
Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas	March 2019 - Present
Travis County Law Library Self-Help Center and Pro Se Litigant Clinic	2018 - Present
YMCA East Communities Branch women's volleyball league coordinator	2011 - 2018
NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) - Austin	2010 - 2017

Awards

Austin Young Lawyer Association Liberty Bell Award	2019
Texas Young Lawyer Association Liberty Bell Nominee (award decision pending)	2019
State Bar of Texas Pro Bono Support Staff Award (award decision pending)	2019