

As President-Elect Nominee, I am providing helpful, meaningful, and personal information of my desire and qualifications to serve as your next President-Elect and to earn your vote.

Since 2017, as your two-term Board of Director, Parliamentarian, I serve and volunteer in a leadership role keeping the Robert's Rules of Order and as such involve myself as a leader with raising questions for meaningful and commitment levels of CAPA for the success and service of the paralegal. I am involved in the dynamics behind the scenes with each Board of Director and the many chairs of this great organization to continue the goals and mission of CAPA. I am serving as co-Chair Sustaining Member Liaison. I work diligently with all Sustaining Members providing correspondence regarding events, marketing, guidelines, orientation, and recruiting Spotlight vendors for the monthly CAPA meeting and CLE. The favorite event for the paralegal is the Vendor Parade where I will work with Co-chair, Debbie Hartzler, for another successful fun event this year. The Vendor Parade allows our vendors the availability to market to the CAPA membership in person and personally hand out their swag and build a relationship.

My door is always open. I am a great listener. I am open to new ideas. CAPA is growing. I will facilitate new members to create their involvement and participation for leadership growth with helpful roles in committees to help them get started. I will facilitate seasoned members to get involved with areas of interest for topics and CLE of the profession of the paralegal. I would create a day that the CAPA members could meet with me on a monthly basis for round table meaningful topics.

In Texas, there are several paralegal associations. I was privileged to attend the Texas Alliance Paralegal Association two years in a row. The Texas Alliance Paralegal Association has 22 associations working together to enhance the purpose of the profession of the paralegal. In attendance in April, I was privileged to have access of the leadership and gained extra knowledge from these leaders. I return this year with a desire to lead at CAPA for the year 2020-2021.

I am currently a litigation paralegal for one of the partners and several associates of Chamberlain McHaney. I enjoy volunteering. I am an English/Spanish interpreter for the indigenous community that seek legal help at the Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid. I assist the indigenous community at Community First! Village with legal assistance, reading, and completing their life documents such as medical power of attorney, directive to physician, HIPAA release, declaration of guardian, statutory durable power of attorney, and appointment of agent to control disposition of remains. Community First! Village is a place that enables our homeless brothers and sisters to heal. It is a place where they can rediscover hope, renew their purpose, and restore their dignity. Most importantly, it is a place they can call home. I volunteer at CANLAW. At CANLAW, I proofread life documents and help with Notarizing the signatures of the clients. CANLAW provides invaluable pro bono estate planning legal services to the cancer community. I volunteer at Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) renewal clinics and TX AFL-CIO (the voice of labor laws in Texas) clinics. My English/Spanish skills help with intake and enrollment of these two clinics. DACA and TX AFL-CIO working with USCIS are areas I volunteer where I have learned regarding immigration law and the potential new client's (enrollees) requirements.

Friends and coworkers would probably tell you I am a person who is personable, insightful, loyal, dependable, and kind. Coworkers and friends have said I'm someone who can handle different scenarios with ease and professionalism, I am a team player, and I am responsive with their needs.

My basic principle in life is searching for truth. They say the truth will set you free. I am free and willing to work at a law firm where the truth is sought daily. Investigating, seeking the facts, building a case, researching case law, and working for the client in seeking the truth in accordance to the laws is a great feeling to wake up daily to do what is right. It is rewarding. The law is truth. I became a paralegal because I wanted to learn and work in the legal field to help others and in the same capacity to help others know that the law is available to help them too. I chose this direction to change career paths. I was rewarded and successful in my careers. I have helped many in my past in wealth management. While in wealth management I volunteered and served the Medalist Golf Association in Houston, Texas with their events and in charitable golf events for many years and volunteered my time with the Senior Care Advisors of Texas in Houston and in the medical field I volunteered with surgical assistance in Mexico with local doctors from Austin, Texas. My reward is giving back in the community in the field of my capacity. My reward is helping my fellow staff members at my office. My reward is seeking team building. Our profession is sound. We can only grow in this capacity as a paralegal. As your leader we will continue with leadership building, continuing learning education, round table conversations and networking relationships. My concern is that we not fall with the lack of truth and personal communication and listening. With the global technology and the population of paralegals we can come together and say hi and listen to each other. Vote Ruth Konderla as your President-Elect 2019-2020.