

Member Benefits

MEETINGS

MAP holds monthly and bi-monthly meetings in various areas throughout the State. Professionals and members speak about issues relating to the paralegal profession, areas of practice, or general topics. There are no meetings in June, July or August. See the calendar at www.MDparalegals.org for specific meeting dates and locations.

PRO BONO

MAP offers information on various pro bono activities in which members may wish to participate.

NEWSLETTER—THE DOCKET

MAP publishes a bi-monthly newsletter, The Docket, which contains our calendar of events, substantive articles that can assist you in your practice, as well as resume tips, etc.

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

MAP provides professional enrichment and continuing educational opportunities to members through speakers at meetings and seminars. Seminars are taught by experienced paralegals, attorneys, judges, law librarians, and others experienced in various fields of law and business.

JOB BANK

MAP offers a Job Bank, which acts as a liaison between the Association's members seeking employment and employers in the legal community. The Job Bank listings are posted on our listserv daily, and in our bi-monthly newsletter. This is a free service to members.

SCHOLARSHIPS — STUDENT & PACE

MAP offers scholarships to paralegal students. This is a way of assisting our future leaders.

MAP also offers qualifying paralegals scholarships to study for and sit for PACE (Paralegal Advanced Competency Exam). Visit our website for more information.

SOCIAL EVENTS

MAP has an extraordinary Social Committee, which is charged with planning social events for the entire membership. Included among these events are: a cocktail party reception honoring the Governor-proclaimed Maryland Paralegal Day in May, usually during Law Week; an Annual Meeting of the Members is held in the Fall of each year, with an awards presentation, dinner and either a guest speaker or entertainment. In 2005, MAP added an annual Crab Feast to its repertoire of social events.

NFPA MEMBER BENEFITS

As a member of MAP, you are also a member of the National Federation of Paralegal Associations and are, therefore, entitled to many more benefits including:

- Quarterly magazine, *The Paralegal Reporter*
- National career opportunities
- Continuing legal education
- Corporate gifts, flowers, gourmet baskets
- Credit Union
- Dental, Vision, Hearing Aids, Medication
- Delivery discounts through Airborne Express
- Hotel reservation & car rental discounts
- Insurance benefits
- Networking / List Serves (which focus on substantive practice areas)

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What is MAP?

The Maryland Association of Paralegals (MAP) is a voluntary, non-profit organization comprised of practicing paralegals, students enrolled in paralegal programs, and entities interested in supporting the paralegal profession. Formed in 1974, MAP works to advance the quality and standards of the legal profession. MAP is a 501(c)(6) organization, and therefore is a charitable organization by and for its members.

Members are required to practice in accordance with MAP's *Code of Ethics and Professional Responsibility*, adopted in 1996, in order to increase the quality and efficiency of legal services, while recognizing our profession's responsibility to the public, the legal community and our colleagues.

MAP's Mission

- To promote and protect the general professional interests of paralegals in the State of Maryland
- To involve paralegals in the shaping of guidelines affecting the regulation and development of the paralegal profession
- To provide a forum for the exchange of view points on matters of professional interest
- To fairly represent both public and private section paralegal viewpoints and interests
- To foster continuing education and be a resource center for career enhancement and educational information
- To keep paralegals informed of national concerns/developments that affect the profession

Membership Categories

All memberships are in effect for a period of twelve (12) months.

Active Membership (voting):

Open to all practicing paralegals or any person who has successfully completed training as a paralegal. Active members have a right to vote on all matters submitted to a vote. Active members also have the right to hold office in the Association and to elect the Board of Directors of the Association.

Student Membership (non-voting):

Open to all persons enrolled in a paralegal training program. A member may hold this membership for the term of four (4) years only. Verification of student status is required upon application and renewal.

Individual Sustaining Membership (non-voting):

Open to all persons that have completed their education but that are not yet employed as a practicing paralegal and qualify as a voting member.

Sustaining Membership (non-voting):

Open to all entities supporting the paralegal profession and the purposes of MAP.

One of the greatest assets of the paralegal profession is the ethnic, cultural, and social diversity of its members. The National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. ("NFPA") takes great pride in this diversity. The NFPA welcomes, respects and supports diversity in all its forms in its membership, its vendors, and its contractors, as well as with paralegal educators, the paralegal profession, the legal profession, bar associations, and the courts.

JOIN OR DONATE TODAY!

Annual membership enrolls you in the Maryland Association of Paralegals and in the National Federation of Paralegal Association, which entitles you to access both local and national services and benefits.

Name(s): _____

Employer: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

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Please indicate where you prefer to receive correspondence:

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AREAS OF INTEREST

Area where you prefer to attend meetings. Check as many as you would like:

- Anne Arundel Balt. City Balt. Co.
 Howard Eastern Shore Mont. Co.
 Prince George's _____

MEMBERSHIP

Check one:

- New Renewal

Check one:

- \$80 Active/Voting \$80 Individual Sustaining
 \$40 Students* \$100 Sustaining

**Presently enrolled in a paralegal program and not working as a paralegal. Verification required upon application and renewal. You may only hold this level for a period of four (4) years.*

INTERESTS

- Public Relations Newsletter Pro Bono
 Membership Continuing Legal Education
 CLE Professional Development

MAP agrees to protect the privacy of all its members. All membership and participant lists are kept confidential and are not sold to anyone without your explicit consent.