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Message from the President

By Linda Gonzales, CP

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Well, we are at the end of another great year. As I come to the end of my second term as President, I would like to thank all of you for your cooperation with us throughout the last two years. I have been truly blessed to have great board members who have outdone themselves, and have given of themselves so freely.

I would like to wish each and every one of you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May God Bless You! See you all next year.

Christmas gift suggestions

- By Oren Arnold

Christmas gift suggestions:
To your enemy, forgiveness.
To an opponent, tolerance.
To a friend, your heart.
To a customer, service.
To all, charity.
To every child, a good example.
To yourself, respect.

Christmas

Every time a hand reaches out
To help another....that is Christmas
Every time someone puts anger aside
And strives for understanding
That is Christmas
Every time people forget their differences
And realize their love for each other
That is Christmas
May this Christmas bring us
Closer to the spirit of human understanding
Closer to the blessing of peace!

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Christmas Acrostic

C is for the Child born that night to be our light. (John 8:12)
H is for holy is His name. (Rev.4:8)
R is for rejoice with gladness & joy. (Luke 1:14)
I is for Immanuel, God with us. (Is.7:14,) John 1:14)
S is for the star that led the Wise men to Him. (Matt.2:2)
T is for the truth & grace that was sent our way. (John 1:14)
M is for Mother Mary laying Him in swaddling clothes in the manger. (Luke 2:7)
A is for angels singing songs of joy. (Luke 2:14)
S is for salvation.

- *Johnnie DesRochers.*

Merry Christmas and Happy New

Year!



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Monthly Meeting Reminder:

Thursday, December 11, 2008

El Paso Club

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

(Optional Buffet: \$15 / Salad Bar: (\$9.00))



Guest Speaker:

KDBC 4 Chief Meteorologist
Robert Bettes

Attorney/Paralegal
Luncheon
Honoring our
Attorneys

Robert Bettes is KDBC 4's Chief Meteorologist, on air each evening Monday through Friday. Robert moved to El Paso in May 1995 and started his television career on a local morning news program. He has been KDBC 4's Chief Meteorologist since July 2004.

Robert graduated from Arizona State University with a degree in Broadcast Journalism and The University of Arizona with a degree in Atmospheric Physics. Robert launched giant weather balloons for the National Weather Service as a Meteorological Technician in Corpus Christi, Texas. As Robert only weighed 125 lbs. at the time, many of the pilots holding on the runway would watch Robert run with the weather balloon and worry it would lift him right off the ground. Thankfully, he was safe.

Robert has also instructed meteorology at The University of Texas at El Paso. Accredited with both the American Meteorological Society and National Weather Association seals of approval, Robert has over a decade of forecasting experience and is a traditional, REAL meteorologist.

In addition to the weather, Robert has a colorful personality which comes alive when he plays Tomas (the interior designer), Nigel (the English gardener), and Cal (the bumbling home-improvement expert) on The Open House Show, a television program Robert launched in March 2003. The Open House Show airs every Sunday morning at 9 right here on KDBC 4 News. This original real estate and entertainment program is broadcast in other markets as well. Check out the website at www.TheOpenHouseShow.com.

Robert has been married to Amy since June 1997, and they have three wonderful children: Mason, William, and Corbin, a daughter. Robert loves to visit classrooms and teach kids about the weather. Feel free to e-mail him at rbettes@kdbc.com

Treasurer's Report

Submitted by: *Lynda Camacho, CP, Treasurer*

EL PASO PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT NOVEMBER 2008



GENERAL ACCOUNT

Cash in Bank	\$	\$730.94
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Deposits

October General Meeting/Luncheon	\$	587.00
2009 Membership Renewals – Active	\$	120.00

TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$	707.00
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Expenses

El Paso Club November General Meeting	\$	587.00
Monthly Website Fee	\$	6.95

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	593.95
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Cash in Bank	\$	843.99
Petty Cash	\$	60.00

TOTAL CASH ON HAND	\$	903.99
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Seasons
Greetings

Report from the Secretary

Submitted by: Louise A. Elorreaga, Secretary

El Paso Paralegal Association General Meeting Minutes / November 20, 2008

The General Meeting of the El Paso Paralegal Association (the "Association") was duly called and convened at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 20, 2008, at the El Paso Club. President Linda Gonzales presided over the meeting.

President Gonzales welcomed all guests and members to the general meeting.

President Gonzales asked for a motion to approve the minutes for October as published in *The Writ*. A motion was made and seconded. The motion carried and the minutes were approved as published in *The Writ*.

President Gonzales announced that a bake sale was being conducted during the meeting at \$.50 per item. All proceeds are to benefit the Association's charity, The Rescue Mission. The Association is also asking that the final gift to The Rescue Mission be generous. Treasurer Lynda Camacho requested if donating by check that the checks be made out directly to The Rescue Mission.

President Gonzales announced that the CLE forms will be at the back table and can be picked up after the meeting.

President Gonzales announced that the deadline for turning in nominations for attorneys in the various categories listed in *The Writ* will be Friday. She asked that everyone please submit their nominations. The winners will be announced at the December Attorney/Paralegal luncheon.

Parliamentarian Tamara Greaves announced that there were still positions available for anyone interested in serving on the 2009 Board.

President-Elect and Vice President - Programs, Laura Mendez announced the speaker, Bobby Maddox of the firm of Kemp Smith, LLP. Mr. Maddox gave an informative presentation on IRA Beneficiary Designations. Upon completion of his presentation, Mr. Maddox was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Louise A. Elorreaga, Secretary

Report from The Paralegal Division

Submitted by: *Clara L. Buckland, CP, District 16 Director & Secretary
Paralegal Division of the State Bar of Texas*



TAPS 2008 – Ten Years and Counting!

Despite parts of the State being hit by Hurricane Ike, TAPS 2008 was declared a success. 240 paralegals came to San Antonio for up to 14 hours of CLE and several hours of fun and networking. The social events were great fun, especially the Thursday night event at Rio Cibolo Ranch. Many of the CLE sessions from TAPS were video recorded and will be available as online CLE in the coming months.

SAVE THE DATE FOR 2009! TAPS 2009 will be October 14 - 16, 2009 at the South Shore Harbor Resort in League City. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend!

PD TRAVELS TO GREECE: The Paralegal Division hosts a yearly trip to Europe. April 25 – May 2, 2009 we travel to Greece! Our travels will take us to Nauplia, Mycenae, Corinth, Athens and Delphi. Details about the trip, including registration deadlines and pricing are posted at www.txpd.org.

ELECTIONS: In February 2009, we will begin the election process for Directors in Districts 1, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13 and 15. If you have ever considered serving the PD as a Director, now is a great time to gather information about what that entails. For more information, contact Norma Hackler at pd@txpd.org, who can provide you with a list of the Director Duties or contact President Rhonda Brashears at president@txpd.org for more specific information.

TEN- MINUTE MENTOR: PD Member, Nan Gibson, and her attorney are featured in a Ten Minute Mentor video on the Texas Young Lawyer Association website. The video titled "Effective Use of a Paralegal in a Family Law Case" can be viewed at www.tenminutementor by searching the term "paralegal". The PD would like to thank Nan and Ms. Kamis for their time in making this important video.

CHANGING CONTACT INFORMATION: When you change jobs, email addresses or telephone numbers, be sure to update your information so that you can stay current on PD news. The State Bar maintains member information for the PD, so contact information must be changed with the Bar. The following information can also be found on the FAQ section of the PD website, www.txpd.org. Go to www.texasbar.com; click on MyBarPage (top of home page). If you have never visited this page, you will need to set up a pin/password. Your password to set up your NEW Pin/password is the last four digits of your social security number (if the State Bar does NOT have your social security number on file, you will not be able to use this area nor will you have access to MyBarPage); once you set up the new pin/password, you will be able to enter this section of the website to update your member records. If you have any problem accessing this page, please contact the Membership Department at 1/800-204-2222, ext. 1383.

E-GROUP: The PD offers its members the benefit of the PD E-Group! Postings are distributed immediately upon entry and answers to your needs are received from your peers. Members of the PD EGroup enjoy the benefits of statewide networking; access to information on vendors on the other side of the state; share forms, as requested; ask for one's expertise in various areas of law where assistance may be needed; locate experts on hard to find subjects; and much more. Note: You must sign up for the PD EGroup. Membership in the Division does not automatically include enrollment in the PD E-Group.

2009 PD ANNUAL MEETING: The 2009 State Bar Annual Meeting will be held June 25 - 27, 2009 in Dallas. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend. CLE information will be provided soon.

Report from NALA (The National Association of Legal Assistants)

Submitted by: *Mary LaRue, CP, NALA Liaison*

Benefits of Membership

The National Association of Legal Assistants, Inc., is a member-driven association. It is only as strong as its members and only as active as these members are involved in their profession and professional association. Individual members join NALA for a variety of reasons. Primary among these reasons is the opportunity for involvement in a number of activities that speak to their individual concerns as a professional. These activities include NALA's efforts in the following areas:

- *Recognition of the legal assistant profession
- *Identification of those within the profession
- *Establishment of professional standards
- *Research of the growth and development of the profession through bi-annual surveys
- *Involvement in professional issues including tracking state legislative activities and becoming involved in cases affecting the legal assistant career field
- *Access to cutting-edge CLE programs designed specifically for paralegals

In addition to NALA's involvement in professional issues, membership in the association provides many tangible benefits including:

- Access to NALA NET, the profession's only on-line networking service for accurate and up to date reporting of case law, legislative activities, and bar association activities (For an example of the information on NALA NET, visit the [News & Information](#) page.). NALA NET also offers a membership bulletin board and electronic mail to enhance member communications.
- Subscription to FACTS & FINDINGS, NALA's quarterly journal featuring how-to educational articles for legal assistants.
- Annual Career Chronicle, serving as the profession's annual report, this "year-in-review" publication highlights significant developments and research findings affecting the legal assistant career field.
- Participation in specially designed continuing education programs at reduced rates, including on-line seminars at [NALA Campus](#).
- Participation in NALA Annual Membership Forum and Annual Membership Meeting at no cost.

NALA prospers because of the involvement of its membership

ALL THE BEST

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Filing date for next exam is:

Jan. 15, 2009
Jan. 30th
(late application fee)

Exam date:
March 20-21, 2009

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Membership Update

Benefits of membership in the El Paso Paralegal Association include:

- Receipt of the monthly issue of The Writ
- Free Accredited CLE at monthly meetings
- Continuing Legal Education seminars on various topics
- Mentor program
- CLA Study Group
- Job Bank
- Motivation
- Networking with other paralegals in El Paso
- Professional growth through participation Survey
- Communication and promotion of professional conduct and responsibility
- Continued individual and professional growth as paralegal
- Fulfillment that is received from being involved in the direction of the paralegal profession
- Web site: www.elppa.org

Job Bank

Need a new job?

The EPPA Job Bank currently has several job opportunities. Please contact Tammy Diaz for details! 760-5151 or tammy@vpclaw.com



EPPA Member of the Month



Lynda Camacho, CP
Certified Paralegal

I began my paralegal career 18 years ago!! I obtained my bachelor's degree from UTEP in Political Science, and then went on to get my paralegal certification through a program sponsored by Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas. Out of the eighteen years I have been a paralegal, eleven of those years I worked in the area of defense litigation. For the last seven years I have been employed as a business paralegal with Scott Hulse PC working in the areas of estate planning, probate, real estate, and in corporate and securities. I have been a member of the El Paso Paralegal Association for over fifteen years and have served on the board in different capacities for seven years. Through my membership and involvement with EPPA I have had the opportunity to meet many wonderful people (other paralegals, attorneys, and members of the judiciary) which has not only enriched my career as a paralegal, but my life as well.

I have a thirteen year old daughter, Hannah, who is my pride and joy!!!!!! I enjoy reading, hiking and spending time with friends and family. I love sports, especially football, Go Miners and Titans (yes, the Titans).

I wish all of you happy holidays and a safe and happy new year!!!

If you would like to say hello, you can call me at 564-8311 or email me at lcam@scottshulse.com

December Birthdays



Catherine Olivas	12/3
Mary K. La Rue	12/15
Rachel M. Paxson	12/25
Laura Aguilar	12/27

Happy Birthdays!



Get on Board!

2009 Board Member Nominations

As of the date of publication, the following nominations
have been received for the 2009

El Paso Paralegal Association Board of Directors:

Office	Nominee(s)
President	Laura Mendez
President-Elect	Tammy Diaz
Secretary	Still Vacant
Treasurer	Ruby Olivas
Parliamentarian	Michelle Mendibur
VP Publications	Rachel M. Paxson
VP Continuing Education	Still Vacant
VP Membership	Mario Vargas
VP Advertising	Jessica Chenausky
VP Public Relations	Rene Casner
District 16 Director – Paralegal Division	Clara Buckland
NALA Liaison	Mary K. La Rue
Student Liaison	Perla Michel

If you would like to nominate yourself or a fellow member for one
of the offices or just volunteer to help out,
please email the Election Committee, c/o Tamara Greaves at
tgreaves@gmdep.com or tamara.greaves@hotmail.com.



Annual Attorney/Paralegal Luncheon

December 11th

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
El Paso Club

Speaker:
Chief Meteorologist
Robert Bettes

Plus- Attorney Awards will be handed out
Please refer to list of nominated attorneys on Page
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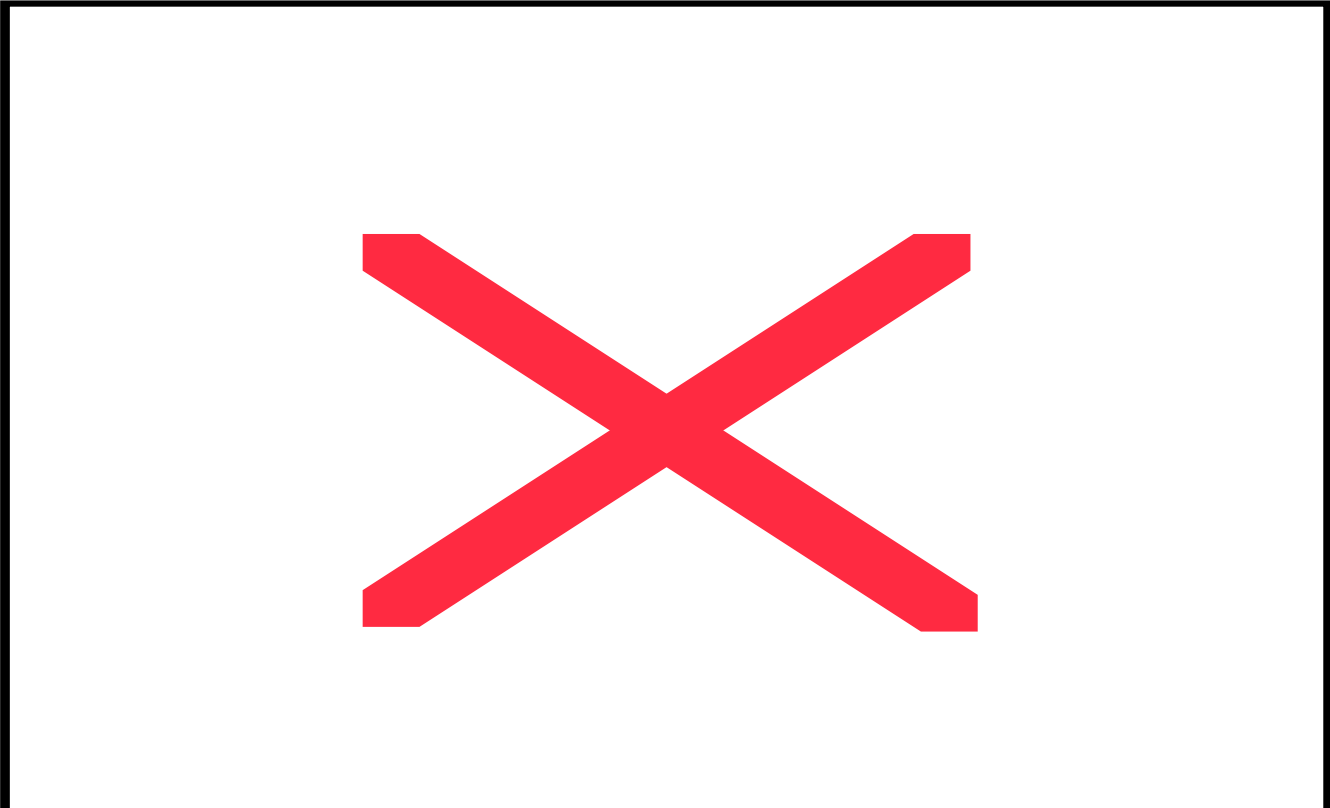
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EPPA's Community Project for 2008

Rescue Mission of El Paso

Contact Name Blake Barrow

1949 West Paisano
El Paso, TX 79922
tel: (915) 532-2575
fax: (915) 532-5287

The Rescue Mission is in need of monetary donations and also donations of the following items:

- laundry detergent
- hygiene related products (shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, body lotion)
- hair brushes
- underwear
- work shoes

Donations can be brought to the monthly meetings.

The Rescue Mission, a faith-based group, was established in 1952 to address the needs of the homeless in El Paso County. Over the past 15 years, the organization has transformed itself from a provider of food, clothing, shelter, and counseling for a temporary stay into a provider of services to help homeless persons obtain stable housing, develop full wage-earning potential, and reintegrate into society.

Available Services:
Emergency Shelter
Meals for Residents
Clothing or Vouchers
Counseling Services – Direct



Photograph by [Christian Fuchs](#)

2008 Attorney/Paralegal Luncheon Attorney Awards



And the nominees are...

<p>Best Personality</p> <p>Diana Valdez John Valdez Fred Haiman Victor Poulos</p>	<p>Most Self-Sufficient</p> <p>David Ferrell Angie Nickey Mike Shane</p>	<p>Most Generous</p> <p>Allan Goldfard Beto Feuille Mike Shane</p>	<p>Best Trial Lawyer</p> <p>Kurt Paxson Jeff Ray Richard Munzinger</p>
<p>Best Work Ethic</p> <p>James Mounts Paul M. Bracken Jeff Brown David Hassler</p>	<p>Best Penmanship</p> <p>Casey Stevenson Ryan Little Noel Gattis</p>	<p>Best Manners</p> <p>Paul Bracken David Hassler Mike McLean John Valdez</p>	<p>Most Respected</p> <p>Jim Curtis Marc Bernat Richard H. Feuille Robert Dinsmoor</p>
<p>Best Sense of Humor</p> <p>Karen Johnson Kurt Paxson Harrel Davis Greig Coates</p>	<p>Best Dressed</p> <p>Sergio Coronado Sarah Snook Yvonne Acosta Anthony Gonzalez</p>	<p>Most Popular</p> <p>Stuart Schwarz Victor Poulos David Ferrell</p>	<p>Healthiest</p> <p>David Hughes Keith Myers Michael Volk Jeff Ray</p>

Who will be the winners?...

*Come to EPPA's Annual Attorney/Paralegal Luncheon,
December 11th
To find out!*

Good luck to all attorneys!

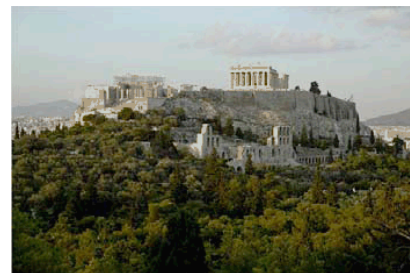


PARALEGALS FLY TO GREECE



April 25 – May 2, 2009

**(Seven Days and Six Nights in Nauplia,
Athens and Delphi)**



Saturday, April 25

Departure from the United States

Sunday, April 26

Arrive in Athens and meet your ACIS Tour Manager. Drive south to Nauplia, once the Venetian capital of Morea, spectacularly built around a rocky peninsula with a castle on top. Check into your hotel and relax. This evening, enjoy a Welcome Dinner with wine. (D)

Monday, April 27

Enjoy a walking orientation with your Tour Manager this morning. Next you will have the opportunity to taste some locally produced olive oil. Those with a head for heights may wish to climb the 999 steps to the Palamidi Fort which sits above the town and was built by the Venetians during their second occupation. This afternoon you will visit the great Theater of Epidauros. Test the most famous acoustics in the world and visualize 14,000 ancient spectators who sat here all day long, held spellbound by the tragedies of Sophocles or comedies of Aristophanes. (B) Dinner on your own.

Tuesday, April 28

Today drive to Mycenae to see mainland Europe's oldest city, including the Lion Gate, Royal Tombs and Acropolis. Drive to Corinth, once the richest city of Greece, notorious for its excesses. Visit one of the world's first shopping malls, complete with cafés, fountains and temples. Continue to Athens. Lunch at a countryside Greek taverna is included today instead of dinner. (B,L) Dinner on your own.

Wednesday, April 29

A morning sightseeing tour reveals the glory of Greece. Ascend the Acropolis for a visit of the Parthenon. See the Agora and the National Archaeological Museum's dazzling treasury of Greek art, including the Mask of Agamemnon and mighty Poseidon. You will also enjoy entrance to the exciting new Acropolis Museum. The afternoon is free to take snapshots from atop Mount Lycabettus. (B) Dinner on your own.

Thursday, April 30

Drive over rugged mountains to Delphi, where the famous oracle once advised ancient kings and statesmen. A local guide shows you the site, including the Temple of Apollo and stadium. Return to Athens in the late afternoon. Lunch is included instead of dinner today. (B,L) Dinner on your own.

Friday, May 01

Spend a day further exploring Athens or choose an **optional** Saronic Gulf Cruise with lunch included (\$129 per person, minimum 15 payees required). Evening Farewell Group Taverna Dinner including Wine. (B,D)

Saturday, May 02

Transfer to airport for return flight to the United States.

Fees: Departure from DFW is \$3,676 (includes departure tax & fuel charge and non-refundable Registration Fee of \$300). Departure from Austin is \$3,716; San Antonio is \$3,726; and Houston is \$3,726 (includes departure tax & fuel charge and non-refundable Registration Fee of \$300). Upgraded insurance can be purchased: Comprehensive - \$120 and Ultimate - \$200; Over 66 – Comprehensive - \$220 and Ultimate - \$300 (insurance covers the entire eight days of travel). Tips for tour guide (\$4 per day) and bus driver (\$2 per day while using bus) is not included. Small contingency fee may be added in January 2009 for fuel surcharge. **Fees based on 20 persons.** **Airfare and Hotel (double room) with daily breakfast is included in price as well as two lunches, two dinners, olive oil tasting, and all tours listed above.**

Payment Schedule: Deadline for registration is **November 1, 2008**; Initial deposit is \$300; second payment of \$300 is due 45 days following registration payment; balance due on February 15, 2009. **Sign up by August 31 and save \$100.**

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ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATION
FOR MEMBERSHIP YEAR 2009
EL PASO PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION, INC.

NAME: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

HOME TELEPHONE: _____

EMPLOYER: _____ AREA OF LAW _____

OFFICE ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

WORK TELEPHONE: _____ FAX NUMBER: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PREFERRED MAILING ADDRESS: HOME: _____ OFFICE: _____

*****MEMBERSHIP PERIOD IS JANUARY TO DECEMBER*****

RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP FEE: \$40.00 (\$25.00 fee will be assessed on returned checks)

Please make check payable to EPPA and return to the address listed below:

Mario R. Vargas
Vice-President of Membership
El Paso County Attorney's Office*
500 E. San Antonio, Rm. 503
El Paso, Texas 79901
546-2050
543-2133 (fax)
E-mail: mario.vargas@ca.epcounty.com

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATION

EL PASO PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION, INC.

An Affiliate of the National Association of Legal Assistants

ATTORNEY-EMPLOYER ATTESTATION FORM

To be completed when the applicant:

1. Has successfully completed a voluntary specialty certification examination administered by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and currently working under the direct supervision of a duly licensed attorney (see section 4.02 for the definition of paralegal); or
2. Has successfully completed the voluntary certification examination given by the National Association of Legal Assistants, Inc., plus one year of employment experience as a paralegal currently working under the direct supervision of a duly licensed attorney; or
3. Has a bachelor's or higher degree in any field plus one year of employment experience as a paralegal currently working under the direct supervision of a duly licensed attorney; or
4. Has successfully completed ABA approved program of education and training for paralegals plus one year employment experience as a paralegal currently working under the direct supervision of a duly licensed attorney; or
5. Has successfully completed a paralegal program consisting of a minimum of (60) semester hours (or equivalent quarter hours) of which fifteen (15) hours are substantive legal courses plus one year of employment experience as a paralegal currently working under the direct supervision of a duly licensed attorney; or
6. Has successfully completed a paralegal program consisting of a minimum of fifteen (15) hours of substantive legal courses plus two years of employment experience as a paralegal currently working under the direct supervision of a duly licensed attorney; or
7. Has a minimum of three (3) years of employment experience as a paralegal currently working under the direct supervision of a duly licensed attorney; or
8. Is self-employed on a freelance basis, so long as the applicant is involved in the generation of substantive legal work that otherwise would be performed by an attorney. The applicant must be performing such work under the ultimate direction and supervision of a duly licensed attorney plus have a minimum of five (5) years employment experience as a paralegal.

ATTESTATION

I hereby attest that _____ is employed by me and is recognized as a paralegal as defined below. I further attest that applicant has been employed by me since _____ / _____ (month/year) and is recommended for active membership in the El Paso Paralegal Association, Inc.

 Attorney Signature
 Bar Number: _____
 Firm name, address and telephone number:

4.02 Definition of Paralegal: A legal assistant or paralegal is a person qualified by education, training or work experience who is employed or retained by a lawyer, law office, corporation, governmental agency or other entity who performs specifically delegated substantive legal work, for which the lawyer is responsible. (Adopted by the ABA in 1997)

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

For Membership Year 2009
EL PASO PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION, INC.

Please attach the appropriate proof of education, qualifications and attestation.

NAME: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

HOME NUMBER _____

E-MAIL: _____

SCHOOL ATTENDING: _____

EXPECTED DATE OF GRADUATION: _____

LENGTH OF PARALEGAL TRAINING PROGRAM: _____

HOURS/SEMESTERS COMPLETED: _____

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STUDENT MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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EL PASO PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION, INC.

ATTESTATION FORM

To be completed when the applicant meets the following criteria for **Student Membership**:

1. Be currently enrolled in an ABA approved program of education and training for paralegals; or
2. Be currently enrolled in a paralegal program that consists of a minimum of sixty (60) semester hours (or equivalent quarter hours) of which fifteen (15) are substantive legal courses; or
3. Be currently enrolled in a paralegal program that consists of fifteen (15) semester hours of substantive legal courses.

DECLARATION

I, (print or type applicant name) _____, hereby declare my interest in and sympathy with the purposes of the El Paso Paralegal Association, Inc., and hereby promise to adhere to the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws. I understand that I will remain a Student Member until I meet the qualifications of Associate or Active Membership at which time I may submit application for same. I promise to pay the dues for Student Members. I understand this application is subject to formal approval by the Membership Committee of the El Paso Paralegal Association, Inc.

 Signature of applicant

 Date

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

For Membership Year 2009
EL PASO PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION, INC.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PARALEGAL PROGRAM COORDINATOR OR INSTRUCTOR:

I HEREBY ATTEST THAT _____ IS A
STUDENT AND IS CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN THE PARALEGAL PROGRAM AT
_____ (name of school).

SIGNATURE: _____

TITLE: _____

DATE: _____

SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
FOR MEMBERSHIP YEAR 2009

EL PASO PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION, INC.
 An Affiliate of the National Association of Legal Assistants

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

As a Sustaining Member, I/we hereby declare our interest in and sympathy with the purposes of the El Paso Paralegal Association, Inc., and hereby pledge our support. I/we promise to pay the dues for Sustaining members. I/we understand this application is subject to formal approval by the Membership Committee of the El Paso Paralegal Association, Inc.

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