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President's Message

Spring is in the air and that means the El Paso Paralegal Association has put together a great Spring Seminar for our members. We look forward to seeing you on Zoom on April 22, 2022 from 8am to 12:0pm. We have a variety of speakers from El Paso County Attorney's Office as well as the 1st elected woman County Court Judge that will be speaking on an array of topics. We look forward to seeing you.



EPPA Membership comes with benefits! We have two scholarships available for students enrolled in the paralegal program at EPCC. Please visit our website for further information. The deadline to apply for a scholarship for the fall semester at EPCC is June 30.

EPPA Study Group has started. We currently have three individuals enrolled for Tuesday's virtual meetings where we will be reviewing the ©NALA Certified Paralegal Exam Fundamentals and assisting one another to accomplish NALA CP Certification. If you are interested in joining, please reach out to Azalia Gonzalez at azalia_gonzalez@outlook.com.

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Spring Seminar Announcement



Virtual Spring Seminar



**EMILY
DAWSON**

10:00 am El Paso
County Attorney
will be discussing
Juvenile Drug
Trafficking



**LAURA
CHRISTOPHERSON**

8:00 am El Paso County
Attorney will be
discussing Protecting the
Older Adults and Persons
with Disabilities



KITTY SCHILD

11:00 am 1st Elected
woman as an El Paso
County Judge; will be
presenting on Suing and
Defending Governmental
Entities -The Government
is Different -the King can
do no wrong



**EVI
LICONA**

9:00 am El Paso
County Attorney
will be
discussing
Protective
Orders

ZOOM LINK

**[HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/84705954484?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84705954484?pwd=UMNARWFWAST0S0TNSXG5CZJRZ0RXUT09)
[PWD=UMNARWFWAST0S0TNSXG5CZJRZ0RXUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84705954484?pwd=UMNARWFWAST0S0TNSXG5CZJRZ0RXUT09)**

April 22, 2022 8:00 - 12:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF EL PASO PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION (March 24, 2022)

A regular meeting of the members of El Paso Paralegal Association (the “Association”) was duly called and held in person at Anson 11 on Thursday, March 24, 2022, at 12:14 p.m. President Yvette Duran chaired the meeting and Secretary Griselda Lasky recorded the minutes of the meeting.

A quorum being present, President Duran called the meeting to order, and welcomed members and the guest speaker and thanked them for attending.

The first item of business was the announcement of a Fall Golf Tournament and Spring Seminar. President Duran asked for volunteers for the tournament and said more details will follow.

The second item of business was the discussion and approval of the February 2022 meeting minutes. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Association’s members held February 17, 2022, as presented in *The Writ*, were unanimously approved.

The last item of business was an update on the Association’s 2022 charity. President Duran requested donations for them to be delivered the day of the Spring Seminar. Veteran’s Transitional Center wish list includes sweatpants, sandals, pillows, bedding sheet and detergent.

President Duran introduced the guest speaker, Aaron Setliff, who gave an informative and interesting presentation on Gender Affirming Care, Is it Child Abuse? Mr. Setliff answered questions from members throughout the presentation. President Duran then extended the Association’s thanks to Mr. Setliff for his presentation and presented him with a gift.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

/s/ Griselda Lasky
Griselda Lasky, Secretary

Annual Golf Tournament



EL PASO PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION'S

SAVE THE DATE

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

09.24.2022


UNDERWOOD GOLF COMPLEX

Watch for future editions of *The Writ* to see how you can get involved.

Highlights from March Meeting

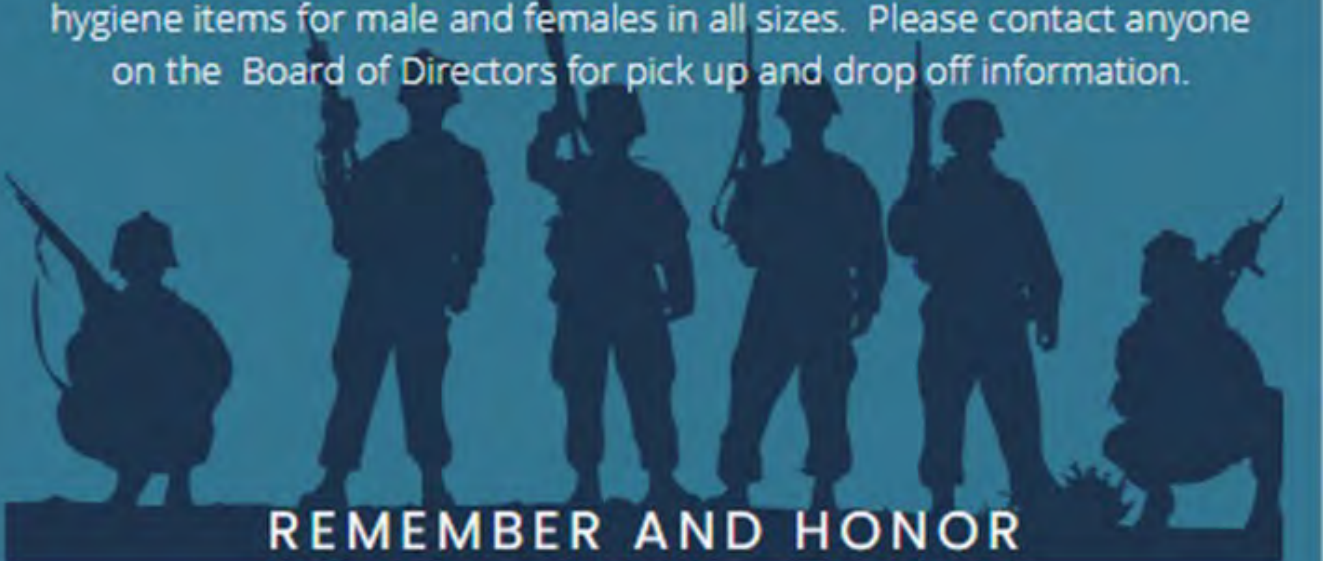


Aaron Setliff and President Yvette Duran



EPPA CHARITY ASSISTANCE FOR HOMELESS VETERANS

Donations needed:
Sweatpants, tops, slippers
bedding items such as sheets and pillow cases, detergent, personal
hygiene items for male and females in all sizes. Please contact anyone
on the Board of Directors for pick up and drop off information.



REMEMBER AND HONOR

President's Message *(cont.)*

This year my family will be gathering on Saturday to Celebrate Easter to avoid the crowds. I come from a huge family of twelve aunts and uncles and that comes with a lot of cousins. Some relatives are planning to come into town to celebrate and have a mini-family reunion. Many of us have not seen our relatives gather in a long time. Our parents, aunts and uncles are getting older but if you are like us, we are ready to hug and hold our loved ones once again. I find myself making eggs in the morning and forget I needed to make the little hole on top and save them for confetti eggs. My twenty-five and twenty-six year old daughters said they would be calling CPS if they did not get their Easter Basket this year. Every year I have given them an Easter basket conforming to their age, and I make them myself- this year they want make up. Time to get the Easter baskets ready, the water balloons, kickball, tables and chairs and head to the park. Oh! We can't forget the Easter Sunday Church attire, if your grandmothers were like mine, everyone better be looking nice and spiffy in the Sunday Easter dresses. I sure felt fabulous with my puffy dresses and ruffled socks on Easter Sunday's as a kid. I hope everyone has a safe and wonderful Easter Sunday with their families.

-Yvette Duran

President

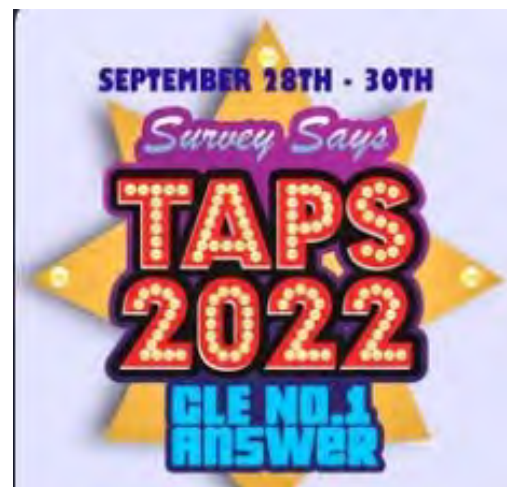


State Bar PD—TAPS 2022

The Texas Advanced Paralegal Seminar (TAPS 2022) will be held in Fort Worth this year from September 28-30, 2022. Put these dates on your calendar and watch for registration to open on June 1, 2022!

Attention PD Members: Scholarship opportunities are available for PD Members. See the 2022 TAPS Scholarship Application.

For the upcoming 2022 Texas Advanced Paralegal Seminar (TAPS), a three-day CLE seminar, the State Bar Paralegal Division will award up to two (2) educational scholarships for the three-day registration to attend the TAPS 2022 seminar, "Survey Says –TAPS 2022 – CLE No. 1 Answer."



PARALEGAL DIVISION ANNOUNCES **TAPS 2022 SCHOLARSHIP**

For the upcoming 2022 Texas Advanced Paralegal Seminar (TAPS), a three-day CLE seminar, the PARALEGAL DIVISION of the State Bar of Texas will award up to two (2) educational scholarships for the three-day registration to attend the TAPS 2022 seminar, "Survey Says –TAPS 2022 – CLE No. 1 Answer." Below please find the guidelines and application for applying for this scholarship.

1. The Recipient must be a member (or apply for membership) of the Paralegal Division of the State Bar of Texas.
2. To apply for a TAPS scholarship, the applicant is required to give a written essay on the following:
"What brought you to the paralegal profession and why do you feel CLE is important?"
The essay must be two (2) pages in length and double-spaced.
3. To apply for a TAPS scholarship, the applicant is **required to provide two (2) letters of personal references**, which describe the applicant's involvement in the paralegal profession.
4. Financial need shall be a contributing factor, but not a requirement. However, if two or more applicants are tied in meeting the criteria for the scholarship, financial need shall be the determining factor.
5. Recipient(s) are required to volunteer a minimum of three hours on-site during the event.

Other

1. No money will be sent directly to the recipient.
2. The scholarship for TAPS shall cover the cost of the three-day registration, but does not include socials, travel, or hotel expenses.
3. The scholarship selection committee for reviewing scholarship applications for TAPS shall be composed of the Chair of the TAPS Planning Committee, one Planning Committee Sub-Committee Chair, and the Board Advisor to the TAPS Planning Committee.

The Paralegal Division of the State Bar of Texas will award scholarships for TAPS 2022 which will cover the cost of registration in accordance with the TAPS scholarship guidelines.

TAPS 2022 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

IMPORTANT: ALL APPLICATIONS FOR A SCHOLARSHIP FOR TAPS 2022 MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, JULY 15, 2022. DATE OF TAPS 2022: September 28-30, 2022, Fort Worth, Texas

Name _____ PD Membership No. _____

Home Address _____

Home Telephone _____ E-mail Address _____

Work Address _____

Work Telephone _____ Fax Number _____

Employer _____

Are you a member of a local paralegal organization that offers a scholarship award? _____

Give a detailed description of your reason for seeking a scholarship to TAPS 2022: _____

Give a detailed description, if any, for your reasons for financial need: _____

Attach two (2) personal references and your written essay to this application. Applications should be mailed to: Lisa Pittman, Scholarship Chair of the TAPS Planning Committee, Hayes, Berry, White & Vanzant, LLP, 512 W. Hickory, Suite 100, Denton, Texas 76201 or email to: taps@txpd.org. Scholarship recipients will be notified by letter or email by August 1, 2022 and must accept and be registered for TAPS by August 15, 2022.

Date

Applicant's Signature

Attach any additional explanations.

El Paso Executive Women Lions Club

TOP GOLF CHARITY TOURNAMENT



We Serve

REGISTRATION

Completed form and payment are due by April 10, 2022.

Date

Sunday, April 24, 2022

Time

Check-in: 11:30 am

Lunch: 12:00 pm

Place

Top Golf
365 Vin Rambla Dr
El Paso, TX 79912

Sponsorships

- ___ **Title \$1,500** (Two available)
6 person team in Premium Bay
Facebook recognition
- ___ **Drink \$1,000** (1 available)
1 Player to attend event
Company logo on drink tickets
Facebook recognition
- ___ **Food \$800** (2 available)
1 Player to attend event
Sign at food table (you will provide)
Facebook recognition
- ___ **Hole-In-One \$1,000** (1 available)
1 Player to attend event
Sign at bay (you will provide)
Logo on every ticket
Facebook recognition
- ___ **Bay \$1,000** (10 available)
6 person team
Facebook recognition
Sign at your bay (you will provide)

All sponsors will be recognized in the program and have an opportunity to include marketing material in the goodie bags.

THE FUN STUFF

- \$10,000 Hole-in-one Contest
- Awards for 1st, 6th, last place
- Door prizes
- Raffle



Your name: _____ ☐ I am a Lion (EPEWLC)

Company Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Referred by Lion : _____

REGISTER YOUR TEAM TODAY!

Registration fees includes: lunch, unlimited non-alcoholic drinks, 2 drink tickets (for players 21 and over) and an opportunity to win GREAT prizes! Six people per bay permitted . Please provide an email address for each player.

Player 1: _____

Email: _____

Player 2: _____

Email: _____

Player 3: _____

Email: _____

Player 4: _____

Email: _____

Player 5: _____

Email: _____

Player 6: _____

Email: _____

Fees

\$75 Individual \$ _____

\$65 EPEWLC Lion \$ _____

\$450 Team \$ _____

Sponsorship \$ _____

Grand Total \$ _____

Make checks payable to EPEWLC.

Mail form with check to:

5862 Cromo Dr., Suite 205, El Paso, TX 79912.

Or pay via Cash App to \$EPEWLC915 and send logo

and form to rachel@expressrecords.net with a

screenshot of your payment.

I cannot attend or sponsor but would like to make a contribution of:

___ Door Prize ___ Goodie bag items

EPWBA Associate Membership Application



EPWBA
EL PASO WOMEN'S BAR
ASSOCIATION

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP
APPLICATION
2021-2022 BAR YEAR**

Name: _____

Firm/Company/Agency: _____

Title: _____ DOB: (Month/Day) ____/____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

I am interested in learning more about the following EPWBA programs/committees and would like to be considered for future volunteer opportunities:

____ Mentorship Program – Mentors in Law & Equality ____ Charity Bash
____ Adoption Day ____ CLE & Other Programming

I am interested in serving an associate membership. (Please check one)

____ Law Student: Law School _____ Graduation Date _____
____ Paralegal/Legal Secretary/Other Legal Professional

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE
"EL PASO WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION"**

OPTIONAL: I am interested in making a tax-deductible donation to the Legal Charitable Foundation of El Paso in the amount of \$_____. **Please make checks payable to the LCFEP.

** The LCFEP is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization created by officers of the EPWBA in 2006, which was formed to enhance the rule of law and system of justice; to educate the public about the role of law and the legal system; to advance the cause of justice, the cause of women and the cause of young people; to nurture and improve the relationship among lawyers and the community; and to enhance and expand educational opportunities for El Paso area young people.

Please complete the following to pay by credit card (MasterCard or Visa only).

****Please note that a \$2.00 service charge for credit card transactions will apply:**

Name (as it appears on card): _____

Card number: _____ Card type (M/C or Visa): _____

Expiration: _____ Card Security Code: _____ Zip Code: _____

Signature: _____

Please return your completed form, along with your payment to:
The El Paso Women's Bar Association
c/o Priscilla de Mata, President
5715 Cromo Dr., El Paso, Texas 79912
or email your completed form to: pmata@bomwlaw.com

April Birthdays

Sandra Espinoza	1
Johnna Moss	7
Azalia Gonzalez	20



NALA News



ALTA/NSPS Land Title Surveys - 2021 Standards

CLE: 1.5 • SUBSTANTIVE • BASIC

In 1962, the American Title Association (the predecessor to the American Land Title Association) and the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping (the predecessor to the National Society of Professional Surveyors) established the first Minimum Standard Detail Requirements for Land Title Surveys. These standards recognized the technical abilities and standards of the Professional Land Surveyor, along with the needs that the Land Title Insurance industry have when asked to "insure title to land without exceptions as to the many matters which might be discoverable from a survey." Through the years, there have been numerous revisions and updates to these standards. The current version became effective on February 23, 2021.

The purpose of this course is to review the history of the Minimum Standard Detail Requirements and discuss the recent changes in the 2021 version. An emphasis is placed on the understanding and application of these standards.



Additional seminars available. Go to <https://nala.org/education-5/nala-conference-expo-2/> for more details.

The Complete Guide to Cite Checking and Proofreading a Litigation Filing

CLE: 1 • SUBSTANTIVE • BASIC

In this webinar, experienced litigator and legal tech founder Jacqueline Schafer will share practical tips for every paralegal who drafts and/or reviews pleadings (briefs, motions, etc), demand letters, memos, and other attorney work product. We will cover:

- The point of citations and why their accuracy is critical to winning the case
- The old fashioned way and the tech-powered way to review the form and substance of any exhibits or cited sources in a document
- How to use Clearbrief for Word to generate a fully-formatted Table of Authorities in minutes
- Free Bluebook resources
- A checklist of core steps before sending out documents for filing (and how to tweak it for your own practice)
- Attendees will also receive a special extended free trial offer of Clearbrief, an official partner of NALA.



April 2022

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Out Mission Statement



Thanks for being a member of
El Paso Paralegal Association

AN AFFILIATE OF



El Paso Paralegal Association serves as a resource for paralegals to further its members' development and advancement in the legal profession through higher paralegal standards, continuing legal education and self-regulation for all El Paso paralegals. El Paso Paralegal Association awards scholarships to students enrolled in the paralegal program at El Paso Community College, and offers reimbursement awards for members taking the National Association of Legal Assistants' Certification Exam and the Texas Board of Legal Specialization Certification Exam. Through its various efforts throughout the year, El Paso Paralegal Association also strives to encourage its members to participate in community service and charitable work opportunities through El Paso Paralegal Association's adopted charity, which is chosen each year by its members.

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