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AND AAPi's NEW SLOGAN IS...

Where Passion and Profession Come Together

NOVEMBER

Region 3

15 Luncheon

ALL Regions

8-12

Popcorn Fundraiser









Watch Your Emails for Our Brochure On AAPi's 2024 Winter Seminar February 2 – 3, 2024

At Faulkner University's Montgomery Campus

The finishing touches are being done on our brochure telling you all about our 2024 Winter Seminar in Montgomery, Alabama. Join us at the beautiful campus of Faulkner University in Montgomery for our first outstanding educational event of 2024!



We are in the process of securing a few hotel rooms at a nearby hotel in Montgomery for Friday night and will provide you with more information shortly on the hotel, speaker line up, networking opportunities and the educational schedule.

We hope you will join us as we start 2024 off with an amazing event.

SAVE THE DATE AUGUST 9 - 11, 2024

AAPI'S 2024 ANNUAL MEETING & SUMMER CONFERENCE AT

MARRIOTT SHOALS HOTEL AND SPA

FLORENCE, ALABAMA



https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/mslmc-marriott-shoals-hotel-and-spa/overview/

This hotel is being totally renovated starting in November and will be finished just in time for our Conference. It will be renamed the Renaissance Shoals – Rock 'n Roll Resort. We have seen the drawings for the renovations and as beautiful as this hotel is now, the renovated version is going to knock your socks off!

This venue has so much to offer including, live music nightly and guest DJ's, a resort style pool, luxury spa, 360 the State's only revolving restaurant overlooking the Tennessee River, Swampers Bar and Grille and the Rock & Roast Coffee House all inside the hotel. If you want something different, there are many area restaurants close to the hotel!

Many years ago, AAPi's seminar theme was "Paralegalville". We are bringing Paralegalville back in 2024 in tribute to the legendary musician, Jimmy Buffett. He recorded his album 'Coconut Telegraph' at the Muscle Shoals Sound Studio.

Come and enjoy all that the area has to offer:

Lots of tours or sites to see including the famous Fame Recording Studio or the Muscle Shoals Sound Studio. Home of the blues, rock'n'roll and soul music. See the Alabama Music Hall of Fame, Helen Keller's House, Florence Indian Mound & Museum, Frank Lloyd Wright's Rosenbaum House, WC Handy Home & Museum or the Wilson Lock & Dam just to name a few. This area also boasts beautiful parks and antique shops.

There is truly something for everyone at the 2024 Conference.

We hope to see you there!

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Hare, Wynn, Newell & Newton, LLP, based in Birmingham, represents plaintiffs across Alabama who have been the victims of medical malpractice or who have otherwise suffered catastrophic injury. Hare Wynn also represents plaintiffs across the United States in mass tort and class action litigation. Since its founding in 1890, Hare Wynn has obtained hundreds of multi-million-dollar verdicts and settlements, altogether recovering billions of dollars for its clients. Some recent successes include:

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- \$21 million wrongful death verdict in 2022
- \$217.7 million class action verdict in 2017

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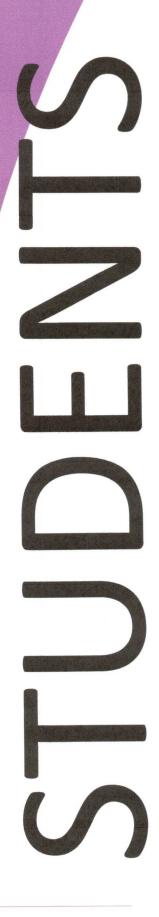
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November 8, 2023 @ 5:00 p.m. CST November 12, 2023 @ 5:00 p.m. CST



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2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR.

MEMBERSHIP COUPON IS NOT A BENEFIT UNDER

THIS CAMPAIGN.

NO INITIATION FEE.

\$3 FEE FOR ONLINE PAYMENTS.

JOIN TODAY

With your membership, you will get to enjoy the following benefits:

- Discounted fees for monthly luncheons in each region;
- Discounted fees for AAPi's Summer Convention;
- CLE opportunities;
- A mentorship by an AAPi Board of Directors member;
- Opportunities to win CP/ACP testing fees;
- Yearly scholarship opportunities;
- Community service project opportunities;
- Free proctoring of NALA's CP Exam;
- Subscription to AAPi's publications: the AAPi Brief and the NOVUS;
- Access to AAPi's exclusive job bank; and
- Networking opportunities with paralegals, legal vendors, sponsors, and legal professionals.

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VERITEXT LEGAL SOLUTIONS

Veritext Legal Solutions is a long-time sponsor of AAPi and we are honored to have them as a returning sponsor this year. Veritext offers a variety of services relevant to the legal profession and we encourage AAPi members to utilize the services of our sponsors as often as possible. We're happy to share our Q&A with Renee Jones of Veritext.

1. Introduce yourself, your role with Veritext, and your role with AAPi. My name is Renee' Jones and I am an Account Executive with Veritext Legal Solutions, which means I help firms decide how we can best help them with their deposition needs. I have been in the legal field for 43 years. I was a litigation paralegal (insurance defense) for over 20 years and started with Veritext in November 2019. I was a member of AAPi for many years and was on the Board for numerous years. I was Region I Member of the Year in 2011.

2. What is Veritext and how can paralegals/law offices benefit from the services provided?

Veritext is a nationwide court reporting company. We have a client portal where you can schedule depositions, download transcripts, exhibits and videos. We provide in person and remote court reporting services as well as videographers. We have a lot of products and I always tell firms "I can tell you all the bells and whistles that Veritext has but tell me about your deposition and I'll let you know the best, most cost efficient way to help!"

3. Why support AAPi?

AAPi is such a great association for networking and meeting new people who, hopefully, will be in need of our services.

4. What would you say is the biggest benefit to being an AAPi sponsor?

Getting to be with smart, fun paralegals, sponsor numerous events throughout the year and to inform paralegals of our company and products to gain new business.



AAPi STATE OF AFFAIRS

Financial News as of October 25, 2023

Bank Accounts

Checking 25,576.60

Savings (Scholarship) 7,142.25

Reserve <u>16,035.09</u>

TOTAL \$48,753.94

ROUND THE WATER COOLER

Happy birthday to our November birthdays!



MEMBERSHIP					
(as of 10/25/2023)					
Active	92				
Associate	9				
Student	2				
Distinguished	1				
Patron	<u>2</u>				
TOTAL	106				
Region 1	66				
Region 2	16				
Region 3	13				
Region 4	7				
Out of State	4				

November 2023

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VISION STATEMENT

Advancing Alabama paralegals through education and career development.