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Service of Process

Good news in the litigation world doesn't come often, but Illinois lawmakers delivered some for Cook County litigators last month with HB 4351. The new law, effective January 1, 2025, revises the service of process requirements in the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure (735 ILCS 5/2-201). The old law required process to be served by the sheriff in counties with a population over 2,000,000 (which, in Illinois, is only Cook), unless the court "upon motion and in its discretion" appointed a private process server to execute service.

HB 4351, approved by Gov. Pritzker on July 19, 2024, deleted that requirement. Litigants in Cook County may now hire a private process server without special appointment by the court, just as in the other 101 counties of the state.



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Race Judicata - Thursday, August 29

The IPA is participating at Race Judicata and we want you to join us! You can walk, run, network, or simply soak it all in! Race Judicata benefits Chicago Volunteer Legal Services Foundation whose mission is to ensure that the law works for everyone. The IPA is excited to participate in the 28th anniversary of the run and we hope you can join us. This is a great opportunity to network and engage with the legal community in an exciting and encouraging environment!

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New Logo and Website Refresh

At the IPA Board of Directors Meeting on July 8th, the Board voted to approve a new logo. This logo was created in different color schemes, to be used various ways, including on new IPA merch!

The IPA website has also been refreshed. While we are still making some small edits here and there, the functionality of the website will not be affected.



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Paralegal Internship Opportunity with U.S. Trustee's Office in Chicago, IL

The United States Trustee's Office in Chicago, Illinois, seeks resumes from persons wishing to be considered for a Paralegal Internship with the Office. For additional information, qualification requirements, and application procedures go to [Paralegal Volunteer Internship \(justice.gov\)](https://www.justice.gov). The deadline for application submissions is August 30, 2024, at 11:59 p.m.



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Tips from the Trenches Lunch

Join us on your lunch hour the 4th Wednesday of each month for Tips from the Trenches where an IPA Board member or Chairperson will discuss a tip or tool that they have learned over the years that has made their job easier.

This month's featured speaker is Jennifer Fryer, who will lead a session on logging on to the USPTO.

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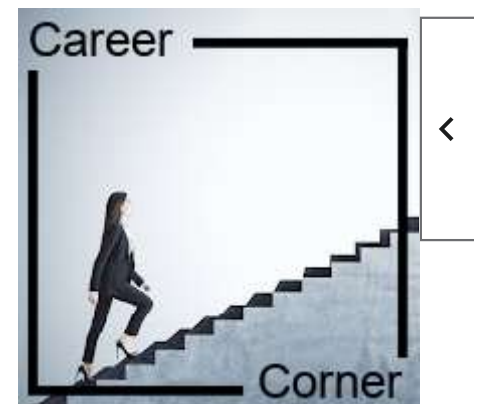
Career Corner

One of IPA's purposes is to advance the paralegal profession. In so doing, we will be featuring articles on Career Development in this section of *The Lookout*.

- ["What are the Least Stressful Jobs in the Legal Profession?"](#) by Jennifer Anderson, One Legal
- ["5 Tips to Make Time Entry Less Painful for Lawyers"](#) by David Skinner and Karen Skinner, Attorney at Work
- ["Paralegals – Be the "Go-To" Person for AI"](#) by Ann Pearson, Paralegal Bootcamp

Do you have any articles that you would like to share with everyone? Send an email to IPA@ipaonline.org and we will add to our next issue of *The Lookout*.

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Important Notices and Useful Information

- [Illinois Supreme Court Amends Rules 8.4\(j\) and 5.1 Addressing Harassment and Discrimination](#)
- [Applications Open for PACER User Group](#)
- [Effective September 1, 2024, Illinois Supreme Court Rule 9 is Amended](#)

Do you have any other updates to share with everyone? Send an email to IPA@ipaonline.org and we will add to our next issue of *The Lookout*.



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2025 NALA Conference & Expo - CALL FOR SPEAKERS

Attention legal professionals! Are you an expert in your field and interested in sharing your knowledge with paralegals from across the nation? The **2025 NALA Conference & Expo** in **Atlantic City, NJ, July 10-12**, is the perfect opportunity. Gambling, immigration, and pollution are just a few of the topics we'd love to see covered. Is there an area where you really shine? Take it up a notch by presenting an advanced session. Until **September 1**, you can submit proposals to present at least two sessions – either a feature or CP® review session. As an added bonus for your willingness to share your expertise, NALA will cover your conference registration and travel costs. Do not miss out on your chance to make a difference in the legal community.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

AUG 14 IP Section Meeting - Trademarks 101

In this session, participants will learn about the fundamentals of trademarks, including types of trademarks, the benefits of federal registration, filing and registration procedures, and where to find help.

AUG 22 ECS: Medicare Set-Aside Update

On August 22nd at 2 PM ET / 11 AM PT, join ECS' Marty Cassavoy and Michael Flower for a comprehensive update on Medicare Set-Asides. To register for this informative webinar

AUG 28 Tips from the Trenches

This month's Featured Board Member/Chairperson is Jennifer Fryer, who will lead a session on logging on to the USPTO.

AUG 29 Race Judicata

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SEP 5 Hall Render: Revolutionizing Health Care: AI in Operations and Delivery

This webinar will be focused on providing legal and compliance professionals with an understanding of AI fundamentals, including how AI works, how it is commonly currently deployed in the health care provider space, the legal implications of the use of AI in operations and the clinical setting and a discussion of how AI may fit within or add new dimensions to compliance and governance activities.

SEP 9 Board of Directors Meeting

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Meghan N Roessler

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Are You Looking For A New Paralegal Position?

Are you aware that the IPA's website lists Employment Opportunities? Employers throughout the state post job listings on our website. New listings are added almost daily. If you are looking for a job, this is the first place you should look!

[Find Your Next Job Here](#)



Is Your Firm Looking To Hire A Paralegal?

If your employer is seeking to hire a paralegal, please remind your HR department that listings can be placed on the IPA's website. There is no fee to place a listing.

[How To Post A Paralegal Position](#)



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