



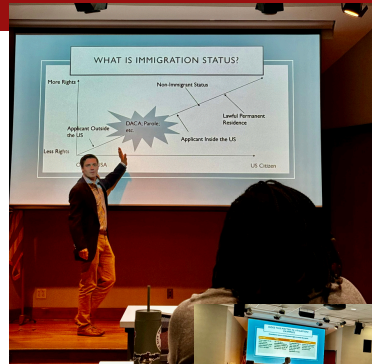
CALA NEWS

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

CALA Cares!



We had a great lunch and learn session this past Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2024! Mr. Brad Banias, Esq., kept CALA members entertained and engaged as he covered the controversial issue, Immigration Law!



Thanks to all who came and joined us, and we welcome our new CALA members!

COMMUNITY SERVICES

LCFB: Walk to Fight Hunger
Sunday, 9/22/2024, Wannamaker Park

BEACH SWEEP: Sat., 9/21/2024, Coordinated by CALA Treasurer & NALA Liaison Kerrie Specht, ACP, SCCP

SAVE THE DATE!

October 16, 2024: Lunch & Learn

November 2024: CALA Election (TBD)

December 2024: CALA Annual Holiday Party
Toys for Tots Toy Drive (TBD)





ANNOUNCEMENTS

In case you missed it..

*Paralegal Spotlight of the Month
August 2024*



CALA won the inaugural Affiliated Association of the Year Award during the annual NALA Conference & Expo at Louisville, KY this July (2024)! The certificate is a special recognition for the outstanding ongoing commitment and dedication to the furthering of the paralegal profession.

Last month, we're thrilled to showcase Vanessa Meggett.

Vanessa was born and raised in Edisto Island, South Carolina. She observed the lack of awareness her community had when it came to the legal system and procedures. Eager to assist the community encouraged her decision to become a Paralegal. Vanessa has been in the legal industry for over 10 years specializing in numerous areas of Personal Injury and Probate Administration in South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida.

Furthermore, Kerrie Specht, ACP, SCCP, CALA's Treasurer & NALA Liaison, also won the Affiliate of the Year Award! This is the second year in a row that CALA accepted such a prestigious award! (Last year, Shene Hawk, CALA's former Corresponding Secretary received this award!

Vanessa obtained her Legal Studies degree in 2015. In January 2016, she joined Hughey Law Firm as a Paralegal where she gained extensive knowledge in litigation focused on Probate Administration and Nursing Home negligence. In January 2022, Vanessa joined the Law Office of Sean M. Wilson where she is currently a Senior Paralegal focusing on litigation pertaining to Wrongful Death, Drunk Driving, Workers' Compensation, and Catastrophic Injury matters.

We are grateful to our members and sponsors, for without your continuous support, CALA will not be where it is today! THANK YOU!!!

Vanessa is an active member of Allen AME Church, Edisto Island. She is a member of the National Association of Legal Assistants (NALA), and she currently sits on the Board of Directors of a non-profit organization, Kings of Hope, Inc. Vanessa is also a Certified Grant Writer and SC Bar Contract Paralegal. During her spare time, she enjoys traveling and spending time with her family and 2-year-old son.

September Birthdays

Before we say farewell to the month of September, we would like to take this moment to wish our CALA members a joyous, HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

9/05 : Kylene I. and Lene R.

9/19: Emily B.

9/22: Julianna L.



- CALA Board Member Positions Open for January 2025. Positions open will be: Treasurer, CALA Recording Secretary, and NALA Liaison! Election will be held in November. Please email calapresident@gmail.com, if interested!
- Job Bank: Please share any job listings to calacorrsecretary@gmail.com.
- CALA's past president, Nicole Rittmaier, welcomes a precious new baby girl, Navy Roux Rittmaier, on August 21, 2024 at 6:59 pm! CONGRATULATIONS!!!
- Always remember...

"What you do today, can improve all your tomorrows!" (Ralph Morrison)