



CALA NEWS

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

CALA Cares!



CALA's board members, Kerrie S. and Lene R., had the privilege of attending the annual President's Breakfast Meeting hosted by Dr. Vicky Wood, President of the Trident Technical College (TTC). The event, held at TTC's main campus, was a special occasion to honor and recognize the advisory board members across various programs. Among those present was Alan Williams, the Head of the Paralegal Studies Department at TTC, who was seen engaging with CALA representatives in the photograph.

We're excited to share the results of this year's election! The winners will begin their terms in 2025, and we couldn't be more thrilled about the future of our organization.

Thank you all for taking the time to share your preferences and for your continued support. A big congratulations to all the elected winners—welcome aboard the EC team!

ELECTION RESULTS

As advisory board members for the Paralegal Studies Program, CALA plays a pivotal role in collaborating with TTC to bridge the gap between academic learning and the real-world demands of the paralegal profession. The involvement of CALA ensures that the curriculum stays relevant to current trends, challenges, and best practices within the legal field. By providing valuable insights from their experience in the industry, CALA helps shape the educational path for aspiring paralegals, equipping them with the skills needed to thrive in a rapidly evolving job market.

1. CALA PRESIDENT: **Lene Rex, CP, SCCP**
2. CALA VICE PRESIDENT: **Shlace Haynes**
3. NALA LIAISON: **Jackie Wood, CP, SCCP**
4. CALA TREASURER: **Melanie Parker Harvey**
5. CALA CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY: **Cheryl LeGrand**
6. CALA RECORDING SECRETARY: **Kurtis Mauk**

The partnership between CALA and TTC's Paralegal Studies Program exemplifies the importance of community engagement in fostering professional development and ensuring that students are prepared for successful careers in law.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY & TOYS FOR TOTS TOY DRIVE!

We can't wait to celebrate the season with our amazing CALA family! It's going to be a night full of joy, laughter, and holiday cheer, all while supporting a wonderful cause. A huge thank you to our incredible highlight sponsors, **Steno** and **Live Oak Reporting**, for helping make this spectacular event possible!

Let's come together, spread some holiday magic, and make this season brighter for children in need.



🎄 Happy Holidays to All! 🎄



Please email calacorrsecretary@gmail.com or calapresident@gmail.com for an application form for 2025!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

But wait... there's more!...



Renew or join CALA by **December 31st, 2024**, and enjoy these exclusive benefits!

Renewals: Submit a renewal application, and you'll be entered into a raffle for a **\$100** gift card.

New Members: Submit a new membership application, and you'll be entered into a special raffle for a fantastic prize.

These raffles will be drawn at our first Social Networking Event in early 2025. This offer is only valid for applications postmarked by **12/31/24**.



November Birthdays

We're sending warm wishes and celebratory cheer for a day filled with joy, laughter, and cherished moments with loved ones. Your presence is like a ray of sunshine in our CALA family, and we appreciate everything you bring.

May this year ahead be filled with blessings, success, and the warmth of friendship to keep you cozy all winter long.
Happy Birthday, CALA November crew!

- 11/19 : Gerralyn P.
- 11/21: Melissa D.-S.



*Paralegal Spotlight of the Month
November 2024*

November is here, and so is our appreciation for Jackie Wood, CALA's Paralegal Spotlight for this month! When she relocated to Charleston from St. Petersburg, Florida in 2007, Jackie began her career in Family Law. She received her Bachelor's Degree from the University of South Florida and went on to receive her Paralegal Certification from NALA. In 2016, Jackie received her South Carolina Paralegal Certification and was recognized as one of the first persons eligible in SC to be designated as a SC Certified Paralegal.

Jackie worked with family law attorney Melissa F. Brown, Esq., for twelve years and has been working with Theos Law Firm, LLC for the past five years. Jackie works closely with family law attorneys and their clients on contested divorce cases and custody matters, mastering everything from the intake process to assisting at trial. In her free time, Jackie enjoys being on the water or at the beach.

We are proud to have such a trailblazer in the paralegal profession on our team, and we truly appreciate all that Jackie has brought to CALA during her membership!

#CALASC #ParalegalOfTheMonth #NovemberSpotlight #CALACares



This Thanksgiving season, we want to express our deepest gratitude to each and every member of our CALA family. To our members, sponsors, and all those who have generously participated in and donated to the community services we support, especially Low Country Food Bank, HALOS, and our upcoming Toys for Tots toy drive—thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Your unwavering support means the world to us, and we are truly grateful for the difference you help us make in the lives of others.

A special thank you to our featured sponsors, Steno & Live Oak Reporting, for your outstanding partnership and support. We look forward to celebrating the success of this year and are excited about the wonderful opportunities that await us in the year ahead.

Wishing you and your loved ones a warm, peaceful Thanksgiving and a joyful holiday season. We are so thankful for you all!

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WELCOME TO CALA FAMILY!

We are beyond thrilled to welcome two incredible new members to our CALA family—our 2025 Platinum Sponsor, TeleCare, and our Associate Sponsor, Stewart Title Guaranty! 🎉 We are so excited to have you on board and can't wait to work together in the upcoming year.

Your partnership means the world to us, and we are deeply grateful for your support. Together, we will continue to make a powerful impact and elevate the paralegal profession in our community! Thank you for joining us on this exciting journey!

Let's make 2025 unforgettable! 🌟



CALA would like to extend our heartfelt thanks and deep appreciation to all of our incredible corporate sponsors this year. Your generous support is not only vital to our efforts but plays an essential role in advancing and promoting the paralegal profession throughout the tri-county area. We are truly grateful for your commitment and partnership. Your contributions make a real difference, and we couldn't do this without you!

From the bottom of our hearts—Y'all ROCK! We are so fortunate to have you as part of our community, and we look forward to continuing this amazing journey together. Thank you for being such a vital part of our success!

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