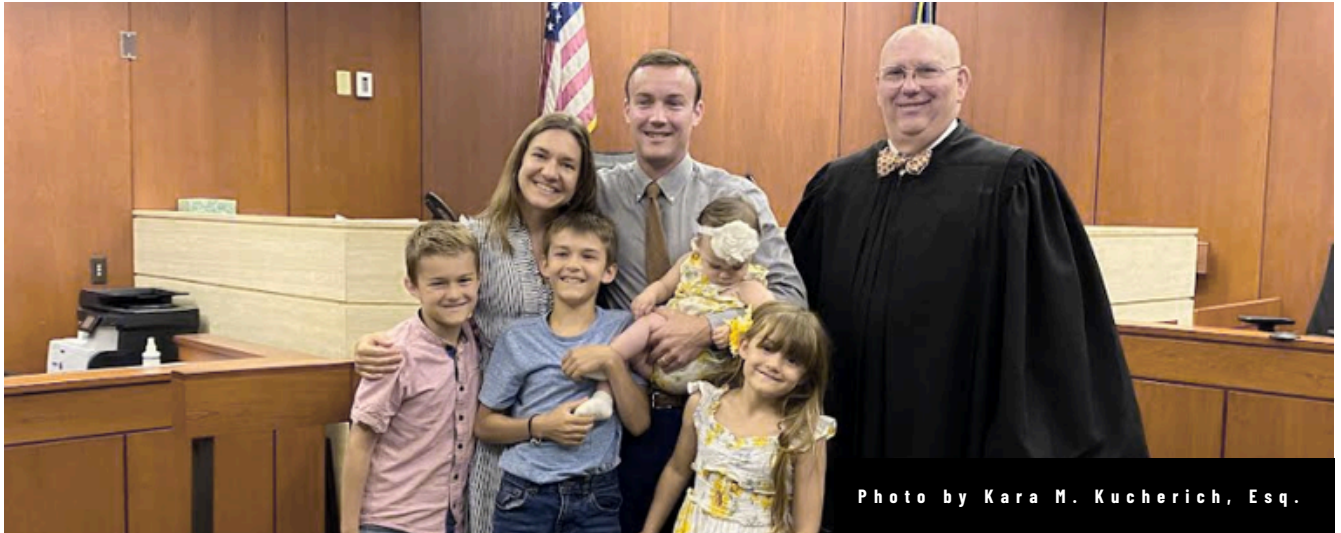

LANCASTER AREA PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION

THE PARALEGAL POST



LETTER FROM THE LAPA PRESIDENT, CINDY DENNES

Welcome to the latest edition of the always entertaining and informative Paralegal Post, published by LAPA's hardworking and dedicated Newsletter Committee. As usual, I am providing an introductory President's message. First, I'd like to acknowledge those of you who have renewed for the 2025-2026 fiscal year AND welcome new members. Your BOD and I are so happy to have all of you and hope to see you on August 8th for our annual celebration. I try to have a theme to briefly talk about and this edition is no different. We are all a part of this organization for one reason. We work with lawyers. Most days, we are greeting, assisting, consoling, or controlling (trying to anyway) our clients on possibly one of the worst days of their lives, whether it's them personally, a family member, or close friend who is having legal trouble. It's a tough job but someone must do it, right? We do it because we love it, and we gear up every day to assist the ...

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public at large in whatever type of law we practice. Occasionally, though, especially if you are in the family law business, you get to witness a miracle. I participated in an adoption on June 24th, in Judge Reich's courtroom, that was almost a year in the making. Everything that could've gone wrong did, and the attorneys and I had to explain to our clients how this happened and why we couldn't proceed this way. You know—Rules of Court, right? Justice prevailed in the end and a precious baby was adopted to parents who couldn't wait to celebrate her 1st birthday on June 29th. For as much as we put up with on a daily basis, whether you are celebrating a new family member or consoling a family whose loved one is either deceased, going to prison, or has suffered through litigation but came out on top, once in a while, it all makes sense. Keep on trucking, LAPA members. You ARE the backbone of your firm, and I am sure your respective attorneys could not make these miracles happen or do what they do without you.

*Cindy Dexnes, Pa.C.P.
LAPA President*

LAPA MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Now that the LAPA annual renewal period has ended, we are happy to report that there are currently 55 paralegal members, 2 student members, 6 sustaining members, 3 business/associate members, and 3 retired members. Even though the renewal period is over, we have a rolling acceptance of new members throughout the year so encourage your friends and coworkers to join LAPA today!

WELCOME NEW AND/OR RETURNING MEMBERS:

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**IF YOU ARE INTERSTED IN BECOMING A COMMITTEE CHAIR, PLEASE
CONTACT CINDY DENNES AT CDENNES@THEBEACONLAW.COM**

COURT UPDATES

By Emily Hertzler



➤➤➤ FEDERAL COURT UPDATE

Effective May 11, 2025, the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts (AO) began implementing multifactor authentication (MFA) to enhance system security for CM/ECF and PACER. MFA provides an added layer of security to accounts by helping protect against cyberattacks that steal passwords. Once implemented, all CM/ECF and PACER users will be able to enroll in MFA. Click the link below for full details.

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➤➤➤ NOTE FROM THE WESTERN DISTRICT COURTS



<https://www.pawd.uscourts.gov/news/real-id-not-required-courthouse-entry>

While the REAL ID Act ("Act") went into effect on May 7, 2025 and restricted access to certain federal facilities, the Act contains an exception for access to court proceedings and services. An acceptable form of identification is required to be shown at courthouse entry, however a REAL ID card is not required to enter the federal courthouses in the Western District. Click the link to the left for full details.

PAST LAPA EVENTS

>>> SPRING SCAVENGER HUNT

Chelsea and Lisa were the big winners of our spring scavenger hunt, each receiving a \$50 gift card to a local business. Join us in the upcoming fall scavenger hunt for your chance to win!

CHELSEA
AT HER
FAVORITE
MARKET
STAND -
OOLA
BOWLS



WHY DO YOU ENJOY BEING A PARALEGAL?

"I LOVE TO HELP
OTHERS, LEARN
NEW THINGS, AND
NETWORK WITH
ALL AREAS OF
LAW!"

- CHELSEA
RODGERS-KENDIG

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LUNCH AT
OUR
FAVORITE
LOCAL
PIZZA
SHOP ON
MAY 23,
2025

PAST LAPA EVENTS

»»» SPRING ELECTION DINNER

On April 30, 2025, Lyndon Diner was bustling with the sounds of our annual LAPA election dinner. About ten LAPA members gathered to discuss the 2025/2026 LAPA Board of Directors, and unanimously voted in Cindy Dennes as President, Lisa Albarran as Vice President, Brittany Renninger as Treasurer, and Wendy Diem as Secretary.

»»» APRIL 2025 LUNCH & LEARN

During the lunch hour on April 30, 2025, Chris DePatto gave a presentation on his business, Precision Polygraphs, LLC, and the ways that it can assist local legal organizations. As a retired detective for the Lancaster City Bureau of Police and a current, licensed private investigator, Chris has a lot of experience in this field and strives to share his wealth of knowledge with Lancaster-area civil and criminal attorneys. His services include investigative work, criminal background checks, and polygraph testing.

Contact Chris at (717) 278-4723 or precisionpolygraphslc@gmail.com, or visit <http://detectingthetruth.com/> for more information.



UPCOMING LAPA EVENTS

>>> PARALEGAL DAY CELEBRATION

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE YOU!

**LAPA'S Annual Paralegal Day Celebration
Friday, August 8, 2025, from 5:30 – 7:30 P.M. at**



**1559 Manheim Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601
Granite Run Shopping Center**

**Cost: \$15 per member
Immediate family members and significant others welcome at no
additional cost.**

Dinner will be served buffet style with non-alcoholic drinks.

**R.S.V.P. by email to Lisa Albarran by August 1, 2025.
lalbarran@codylegal.com**

**Please mail or drop off check made payable to LAPA
Lisa K. Albarran, Pa.C.P.
Cody & Pfursich
53 North Duke Street, Suite 420
Lancaster, PA 17602**

or pay online using the QR code below!



UPCOMING LAPA EVENTS

>>> 2025 CRIMINAL/CIVIL CONFERENCE

When: Fall (TBD)

Where: TBD

LAPA has decided to hold one combined Civil and Criminal Conference late this fall. Stay tuned for more details!

>>> FALL SCAVENGER HUNT

We will be recreating the fun from the spring scavenger hunt with a fall-themed adventure. Get ready for some tasty treats, cool weather and prizes! More details to come.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE FALL ACTIVITY TO DO HERE IN CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA?

Please email Ashley at ashley@ccalancaster.com with your favorite activities to include in the upcoming scavenger hunt!



FUN BITS

By Chelsea Rodgers-Kendig

ZIG ZAG PUZZLE - SUMMER EMOJI Pictionary

Using the table on the following page, find all the corresponding words in the puzzle. All the letters must be connected by tiles on top, below, left, or right from it, but not diagonally.

If you've completed the puzzle and/or want the answer key, please email Chelsea at chelsea@ccalancaster.com.



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WILLS FOR HEROES

The next Wills For Heroes event will take place on Saturday, November 15, 2025 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center (101 Champ Boulevard, Manheim, PA 17545). If you are only available to volunteer for part of the day, that is still greatly appreciated!



All levels of volunteers are welcome with jobs including:

- Notary (please advise if you are a notary)
- Runner - responsible for making copies of estate documents
- Witness - responsible for witnessing estate documents, with the notary

Instructions and assignments will be emailed the week prior to the event. Lunch will be provided. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jessica Hamilton at jhamilton@edcfinancecorp.com, and note what times you will be available and if you are a notary and/or have estate planning experience.

Thank you for reading!

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