



TYLER AREA ASSOCIATION OF LEGAL PROFESSIONALS AUGUST, 2020 NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Leatha Kopech, PP, PLS

We are off to a fantastic start with renewals and new memberships for the 2020-21 year! If you have not already submitted your membership renewal, please do so soon. You don't want to miss out on future newsletters and evites about upcoming meetings! Be sure to recruit all your co-workers and friends in the legal field to join us as well. We love meeting new people!

If you haven't already volunteered to help on one or more committees this year, please take a look again at our committee list and find a place where you would like to serve behind the scenes! We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead and want you to be a part of it.

Sad news, due to COVID-19, our Joint Luncheon is postponed until possibly Spring 2021. More information will be forthcoming. However, if you would like to work on the committee for the Joint Luncheon, we would love to have your help! Let committee chair Sarah Connor (sconnor@wilsonlawfirm.com), or me (llkopech@gmail.com), know your interest in helping with this event when the time comes.

This month we start our Summer/Fall Community Service event. You should have received an email from me last week letting you know that our recipient is **Achieving Dreams**. They are a non-profit organization that offers an opportunity for adults with disabilities to work (volunteer) in the community and learn social skills as well as teaching them life skills. They are preparing for their annual fund raiser. The "*Achievers*" are in need of gift cards or money to purchase craft supplies for the items they are making to sell at the annual event. Please see your email for more information.

Join us for our monthly meeting **Thursday, August 13, 2019, at noon** at The HUB, 304 E. Ferguson, downtown Tyler. Shelley Craig (Program Director - Faith & Grief (Ministries)) will be speaking on *The Laws of Grief - legal pun intended*. Clear Springs is catering, and lunch is \$15.00. You will receive 1 hour of CLE approved by NALA and TBSL. We want to say **THANK YOU** to **Lexitas** for sponsoring our meeting this month. Remember, bring a guest with you, and be sure you RSVP for your guest too!

We are planning some exciting things this year! We have an evening meeting/happy hour planned in October at a location to be determined. We will celebrate Texas Paralegal Day and honor you at that meeting. We also have something special in the works for our Christmas Luncheon in December, and a spring evening meeting in April. We are considering hosting a one-day CLE event in the spring, depending on the COVID-19 status. Please stay tuned!

Our Sunshine Committee this year is chaired by **Candice Dillon**. She will keep up with the tradition of sending birthday cards and get well cards when needed. So, if you know of a member who is sick, facing surgery, death of a family member, or any other crisis, please let us know. We care! Candice's email address is Candice.Dillon@lgbs.com.

THANK YOU members, vendors and sponsors who make our professional organization what it is. You are AWESOME!

See you Thursday!

Leatha

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NOTICES:

The price of lunch is \$15.00, which covers an hour of CLE and a full course meal (salad, entrée, drink and dessert). Feel free to bring your own lunch with you should you chose not to eat the catered meal.

When responding to your evite, please note whether you will attend and whether or not you will eat so an accurate count can be provided to the caterer. If an RSVP is made with a notation that a meal will be paid for and you do not attend the meeting, you will still be responsible for the cost of that meal. Those with extenuating circumstances will be taken under advisement.

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you at the next meeting!

**TYLER AREA ASSOCIATION OF LEGAL PROFESSIONALS
MINUTES OF AUGUST 5, 2020 BOARD MEETING**

By: Laura Brownlow, Recording Secretary

The executive Board met at Texas Music City Grill on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 for the July monthly board meeting. The following board members were present: Leatha Kopech, President; Jo Ruth Hancock, President-Elect; Tina Knighton, Second Vice President; Laura Brownlow, Recording Secretary; Lisa Betts, Treasurer; Carrie King, Executive Advisor; and Helen Koch, Parliamentarian

Melissa Wallace, First Vice President – Absent
Brandi Turchi, Corresponding Secretary - Absent

Leatha Kopech called the meeting to order at 12:14 pm.

LEATHA KOPECH, President:

Old Business:

- 2020-21 Renewal Membership total to date 49
- July meeting attendance 23
- Meeting Sponsors:

New Business:

- July Door Prizes – Lexitas is sponsor
- Committee Chairs mostly filled. Volunteers/Assignments as renewals come in.
- Community Service Project – Achieving Dreams (a dayhab facility for adults with disabilities). Information will be provided by Candice Dillon.
- September Meeting Location – HUB not available
- October Meeting – Evening Meeting – discussion regarding location
- Joint Luncheon – Postponed due to COVID-19
- Christmas Meeting – HUB not available. Ornament

JO RUTH HANCOCK, President-Elect:

- NALA Liaison – Joined NALA
- Sent updated officers record to NALA
- Sent updated ByLaws to NALA

MELISSA WALLACE, 1st Vice President: - Absent

- Membership Renewals – We have 49 renewals to date
- Need to send reminder to all members from last year – August is cut off for email evites to monthly membership meetings.
- Evite for August 13th membership meeting – send evite Friday with a couple of reminders; RSVP Tuesday, August 11 by noon. Location – HUB. Menu – Grilled Chicken Breast, Shrimp Brochette, House Salad, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Cobbler, Tea and Water.

TINA KNIGHTON, 2nd Vice President

August	<u>Shelley Craig (Program Director – Faith & Grief Ministries) – The Laws of Grief – legal pun intended</u>
September	<u>Robert Davis – 12(b) Motions and Motions for Summary Judgment in the Federal Court System</u>
October	<u>TBA</u>
November	<u>Daniel Seguin (Communications Director / Lead Trainer – TBG Solutions) Topic: Cybersecurity</u>
December	<u>No Speaker – Ornament Exchange</u>

LAURA BROWNLOW, Recording Secretary:

- Board Meeting Minutes

Laura Brownlow moved that the Minutes of the July, 2020, board meeting be approved, as reported in the Transcript. The motion was seconded, and it carried.

BRANDI TURCHI, Corresponding Secretary: Absent

- Publish the newsletter by Wednesday, August 12th. **Deadline** to get your information to Brandi is **Friday, August 7, 2020, by 5:00 pm.**
- August spotlight member: Hannah Scirto
- September spotlight member: TBD

LISA BETTS, Treasurer:

- July 2020 Treasurer's Report

Lisa Betts moved that the Treasurer's Report for July, 2020, be filed for audit. The motion was seconded, and it carried.

CARRIE KING, Executive Advisor:

- Updating the website

HELEN KOCH, Parliamentarian:

Next Regular Meeting:	August 13, 2020 – HUB
Next Board Meeting:	September 2, 2020 – TBD

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm.

Laura Brownlow
Recording Secretary

Leatha Kopech, President

TYLER AREA ASSOCIATION OF LEGAL PROFESSIONALS



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- (1) Any educator, judge, attorney or a university or college student in good standing who has interest in the legal profession.
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- (3) Any individual who is employed in some type of legal capacity and who is interested in supporting the profession but who may not otherwise qualify at present as an active member or may elect to join as an Associate rather than an Active member.

Sustaining Membership

Will be granted to any individual, firm or organization who has rendered some special or distinguished service to this Association and who is not a member of this Association or who subscribes to the goals of this Association and shares the common interest of promoting the legal professional and in addition contributes annually to the Association an amount equal to or in excess of the current annual active membership dues.

EMPLOYMENT – AUGUST 2020

*Contact: Lisa Betts
TAALP Job Bank Coordinator
903.534.0200 or lisa@sscfirm.com*

Position	Practice Areas/Job Description	Location
1. Paralegal	Legal assistant/paralegal needed for an attorney, specialized in oil and gas, with some litigation, real estate, and probate/estate planning. Proficiency in Microsoft Word and tables and Microsoft Excel needed. We are looking for a motivated full-time employee (8:30-5:00, M-F) with strong communication skills (both writing and oral), who is a fast learner, able to multi-task, and is very detail oriented. This medium-sized firm offers health insurance, vacation, holidays, sick leave, 401k, and cafeteria plan.	Tyler
2. Clerk	This position includes a variety of support tasks which may include but is not limited to: input data, verify data entry, accurately process and handle a variety of documents and records; answer telephone in a timely manner, scan documents, file and maintain data, and interact with the public to provide excellent customer service. Duties: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Process all documents appropriately• Be detail oriented• Maintain a neat and orderly work area• Provide friendly, helpful and knowledgeable assistance to all customers• Willingness to assist other clerks in the team, as needed• Perform general office tasks such as copying, filing, scanning, printing, answering phones, etc.• Other duties as assigned **See my email of 1/24/2020 for more information	Tyler
3. Legal Assistant	Full-time legal assistant needed for solo Practitioner with guardianship and probate experience	Tyler
4. Receptionist/Admin Asst.	Full-time Receptionist/Administrative Assistant needed; familiarity with a law office preferred, very limited legal work involved in position	Tyler
5. Civil Litigation Bankruptcy Clerk	Full-time Bankruptcy Civil Litigation Clerk. Please go to www.southside.com for application	Tyler

NOTE: Job postings are for TAALP members. If you share with a friend/co-worker, please advise them that they have to be a member in order for the job bank to be shared or their resume forwarded.

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- ✚ To establish good fellowship among association members, national and state legal associations, and members of the legal community.
- ✚ To encourage a high order of ethical and professional attainment.
- ✚ To advance high standards of integrity and professionalism for legal professionals to the end that the public and the legal profession may be better served.
- ✚ To further education among members of the legal profession.
- ✚ To cooperate with state and local bar associations.
- ✚ To further the interests of legal support staff and professionals through this Association.
- ✚ To support and carry out the programs, purposes, aims and goals of the National Association of Legal Assistants, Inc.

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- ✚ CLE approved programs and seminars
- ✚ Discounts to TAALP seminars
- ✚ Access to job bank
- ✚ Subscription to monthly newsletter - The Transcript
- ✚ Great network to other legal professionals

COMMUNITY SERVICE RECIPIENT



Achieving Dreams is a unique nonprofit day program for adults with special needs. The “Achievers” (as they are known in the community) volunteer at businesses and organizations throughout the community each day to learn how to work, communicate and socialize in a real-life setting. Their mission is to enrich the lives of adults with special needs by providing opportunities and support within the community. They look beyond disabilities, focus on capabilities, and expand possibilities.

In the afternoons when the 'Achievers' are done with the day's job, the group spends time exercising and playing games or doing brain teasers. In addition, each month the Achieving Dreams team will go on a special field trip. Laura Matteis, Executive Director, said that they are currently preparing for their annual fundraiser event, *Circle of Caring*. The theme for this year is “Wild West Round-Up”. Because of Covid, the event will be held virtually on 10.8.20.

The Achievers make craft items that are put into a Boutique at *Circle of Caring*. The community will be able to go online and buy the craft items made by the Achievers.

They are working on projects for the Boutique such as: tie-dye bags, clay pots with plants, decorated frames, stenciled aprons, sponge paintings and terrariums. These are just a few example of things the Achievers make.

Achieving Dreams rents a space in a church and has little storage for actual supplies. They are in need of gift cards to Walmart, Michael's and Hobby Lobby in order to purchase supplies as they are doing each project. Basically, any store where they could purchase art supplies. Members can also give cash/checks, and gift cards will be purchased to provide to Achieving Dreams.

For more information on Achieving Dreams you can visit achievingdreams.org.



**TAPS 2020 is being held by Webcast September 16-17, 2020
and will offer 10 hours of CLE**

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

CLE All Stars - Home Edition

September 16 and 17, 2020

Schedule of Events:

Wednesday, September 16

Opening Remarks : 9:00 AM

Presentations : 9:05 AM—3:00 PM

Thursday, September 17

Opening Remarks : 9:00 AM

Presentations : 9:05 AM—3:00 PM

Friday, September 18

Paralegal Division Annual Meeting with Ethics Presentation (1 hour of Ethics)

Opening Remarks 11:30 AM

Annual Meeting with 11:35 AM—1:30 PM

**Ethics CLE
(Following Meeting)**

Choose your tracks!

Track One: Civil Trial Law and Personal Injury Law

Track Two: Family Law

Track Three: Criminal, Probate & Estate, Real Estate, Oil & Gas

E-TAPS 2020 All Stars - Home Edition **Cost and Topic Tracks**

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Track One—Civil Trial Law and Personal Injury Trial Law

Track Two—Family Law

Track Three—Criminal/Probate & Estate/Real Estate/Oil & Gas

Just a few of the Stars from across Texas and beyond coming your way:

Jason Bernhardt, *Houston* - "Force Majeure Clauses During COVID"
Slater Elza, *Amarillo* - "Identifying Criminal Issues in Civil Litigation"
Michelle Putnam, *Corpus Christi* - "Human Trafficking"
Kevin Segler, *Plano* - "Technology: Useful Tools & Infringements on Privacy"
Professor Gerry Beyer, *Lubbock* - "Case Law Update"
Craig Adams, *Tyler* - "Granny Had a Gun - Firearms in Estate Administration"
Judy Kostura, *Austin* - "Liens and Subrogation in Personal Injury Cases"
Judge Andrew Peck, *New York* - "A Judge's Tips on Being an EDiscovery Rock Star"
.... AND MANY MORE!



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Linda Slaytor	2	Erica Kirby	2
Emily Harris	6	Ann Buchanan	3
Melissa Wilgus	6	Renda Rex	4
Margaret Brotherton	11	Wendy Hesse	5
Katrina Anderson	12	Kimberly Thedford	11
Maria Rongel	12	Krystal Rowe	11
Rhonda Liska	21	Brandi Williams	12
Kristen Newman	28	Mallory Lewis	12
		Mary Deck	13
		Christina Shepard	16
		Barbara Skeen	18
		Kenneth Millican	26

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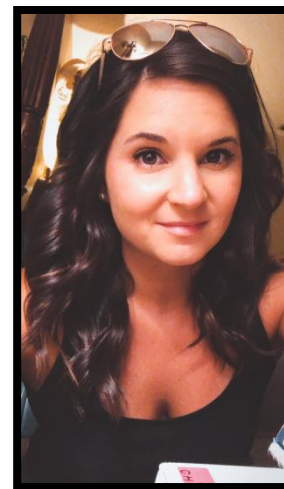
BIG “THANK YOU”

to DAIRY QUEEN OF TYLER,

**for donating the nice TREATS members are finding in their
 birthday cards!!**

Be Sure To Frequent Your Local DAIRY QUEEN!

TAALP SPOTLIGHT



Hello everyone, my name is Hannah Scirto and I am so honored to be the “spotlight” in this newsletter! I was born and raised right here in beautiful East Texas, more specifically in Tyler, Texas. I have a handsome 4 year old son, Reed, who will be starting Pre-K at St. Gregory Cathedral School this month. I cannot believe that he is old enough to start school. I have three



incredible siblings; Katherine, Mark and Anthony. Each of them are married and have wonderful children, making me the proud aunt to 13 rugrats. My mother was a Theology teacher at St. Gregory and then at Bishop Thomas K. Gorman Middle and High School until she retired in 2017. My father is the Chief Meteorologist at KTLV in Tyler and has been at KLTN since 1987. My family is truly my entire life, hanging out with family and my wonderful son is my absolute favorite thing to do. My hobbies include bass fishing, hanging with family, and more bass fishing.

Since I was about 11 years old I thought that I wanted to work in the legal field or in corrections. I took classes at The University of Texas at Tyler working toward my Criminal Justice degree and completed 97 hours that transferred over to Tyler Junior College where I am currently attending with a 4.0. I just finished my Criminal Justice the Paralegal program working for my Associates will finish May of 2021. After graduation I will exam in order to be a certified paralegal. I am a Omicron Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor College. I heard about TAALP in my legal absolute favorite professor, Patricia Coplan. paralegals come to speak to our class and one of who is an outstanding member of TAALP. I immediately joined as a student member and could not wait to go to my first luncheon. I had such a wonderful time at the luncheon that I was able to attend, which happened to be the last one before COVID-19 put them on hold for a while. I cannot wait to attend the luncheon on August 13. I have learned so much already and cannot wait to further my career even more with this amazing association.



Associates degree and am in in Paralegal studies, which I take the NALA certification proud member of the Alpha Society at Tyler Junior research class, taught by my Professor Coplan had some them was Brandi Turchi,



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