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**Denton County Paralegal Association**

## 2018 Texas Advance Paralegal Seminar (TAPS)



**Three-Day Multi-Track CLE Seminar sponsored by Paralegal Division, State Bar of Texas, September 26-28, 2018 in Addison, Texas.**

Full registration price includes three days of CLE, speaker materials, socials, and the Friday attendees' keynote luncheon. As an attendee you can attend any session during the three days of the seminar. Pick and choose the classes YOU want to attend.

One-day registration price includes one day of CLE and seminar materials (socials and luncheon at additional price). As a one-day attendee, you can attend any session during the day you register to attend TAPS. Pick and choose the classes YOU want to attend.

**REGISTER EARLY AND SAVE! Early registration deadline is August 14, 2018.** Register via website [online](#). Starting August 15th, there will be a \$35.00 late registration fee. **Online registration will end on September 17, 2018.**

## 2018 TAPS Con't

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS:** Crowne Plaza Dallas Near Galleria-Addison, 14315 Midway Road, Addison, TX 75001. **The reservation deadline is September 10, 2018.** Hotel reservations must be booked and cancelled through The Crowne Plaza Dallas Galleria-Addison. Reserve your hotel room by calling 1-972-980-8877, press 1 for reservations and request the group rate for "TAPS 2018 - Paralegal Division State Bar of Texas" OR [book online HERE](#).

Note: If the desired room you are reserving is not available online, please call.

For more information regarding TAPS 2018, visit the [PD website](#).

## TAPS 2018 SCHOLARSHIP

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** All Applications Must Be **RECEIVED by FRIDAY, JULY 20, 2018!** Don't Wait...Apply TODAY at [https://txpd.org/files/file/TAPS/2018/TAPS\\_Scholarship\\_Application.pdf](https://txpd.org/files/file/TAPS/2018/TAPS_Scholarship_Application.pdf).

Scholarship recipients will be notified by letter or email by August 1, 2018.

The Paralegal Division of the State Bar of Texas will award scholarships for TAPS 2018, which will cover the cost of registration in accordance with the TAPS scholarship guidelines. For more details, visit [txpd.org](http://txpd.org)

## Meeting Notice

### 2018 Officers

Daphina Park, President  
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Jennifer Earhart, President-Elect  
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Sharron Dowdle,  
Secretary/Parliamentarian  
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lpittman@hbvwlaw.com

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The Denton County Paralegal Association's next Luncheon will be on Thursday, **July 19, 2018** at noon at Oakmont Country Club, 1200 Clubhouse Drive, Corinth, Texas.

### Did you know...

We have streamlined the online registration process! Go to the DCPA website at <http://dentonparalegals.org/>. Under the Upcoming Events blue bar click the Monthly Luncheon & CLE link, then click the Register tab and provide the requested information. When registering online, you must indicate whether you plan to attend the CLE and pay for lunch, or will attend the CLE only. We encourage you to make the buffet lunch payment online. If you prefer to pay at the door, you can choose to receive an invoice during the registration process.

**Online Registration Is Required!** The deadline to register for this month's meeting is **July 17th at 3 p.m.** Be sure to complete the registration sequence to notify us that you will either attend the CLE and purchase lunch, or will attend the CLE only. That will help us ensure Oakmont is prepared for the number of guests who will go through the buffet line, and that we provide adequate seating for those attending CLE only. **Please note we must bill individuals who register for lunch even if they are unable to attend.**

## Directions to Oakmont

Oakmont Country Club is located in Corinth off I-35 East between Lewisville and Denton.

- Exit 461 – Shady Grove Road/Post Oak Drive
- Turn west onto Post Oak Drive
- Turn right (west) onto Robinson Road at stop sign
- Turn left (south) onto Oakmont Drive – you will see an Oakmont sign in the median
- Turn right into Clubhouse Drive (second right)

### 2018 Committee Chairs

**CLE, Kimberly Spivey**  
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**Fundraising, Melissa Boyd**  
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**Membership, Julia Christman**  
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**Scholarship, Amy Hoffee**  
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## AGENDA FOR MEETING

Date: July 19, 2018  
Place: Oakmont Country Club  
1200 Clubhouse Drive  
Corinth, Texas 76210  
Time: Noon

- 1. Welcome Members and Guests**
- 2. Old Business**
  - a. Approve June Minutes
  - b. Approve Treasurer's Report
- 3. New Business**
- 4. Announcements**
  - 2 months left to acquire points for the Participation Drive
  - Thank everyone for helping with Spring Seminar
  - Speaker for next month
  - Cindy Moon to give summary of Wellness Retreat
- 5. Door Prize**
- 6. Adjournment**

## President's Message

By: Daphina Park

Dear DCPA Members,

Happy Birthday America! We celebrate 242 years of freedom this year. Independence Day is the anniversary of the publication of the Declaration of Independence from Great Britain in 1776. Independence Day is a federal holiday celebrated on July 4 so it is often referred to as "Fourth of July." It is our most patriotic holiday celebration, and we express our gratitude for our freedom provided by our veterans, both past and present. When you get an opportunity to thank a veteran for their service, please do so with sincerity. I have had many family members serve, and currently my 20 year old niece, is in Germany serving in the Army as a drone pilot.

As part of the holiday celebrations, Americans proudly display Old Glory, our nation's symbol of freedom. We also celebrate with family picnics and barbecues. There are parades, competitions and sporting events, such as, hotdog and pie eating contests, baseball games and 5K runs, but most importantly our impressive fireworks displays, which represent the fires in the sky during our battle for freedom.

My family's tradition of celebrating July 4<sup>th</sup> includes attending a neighborhood parade, having a barbecue, which must include watermelon, and ending the evening watching the local fireworks display. Hopefully everyone was able to spend time with family enjoying their special traditions for the holiday, but most importantly were able to reflect on our nation's independence.

## Birthdays

Our members with July Birthdays are:

Jessica Cannon (7/29)  
 Martha Gallegos (7/20)  
 Shirley Shelburne-Ramos (7/17)  
 Janel Stoffels (7/7)  
 Simone Taylor (7/26)  
 Heather Walker (7/22)

Hope each of you will have a **Happy Birthday!**

## Upcoming Events & Important Dates!

### **Participation Award**

Submitted by Julia Christman, Membership Committee Chair

For 2018, we are going to have a Participation Award. You will receive points for activities in which you participate through the contest time.

<b><u>Activity</u></b>	<b><u>Points</u></b>
Attend monthly meeting	1
Attend special work activities (assemble Valentine Grams, etc)	2
Order Valentine Gram	1
Outside order for Valentine Grams (points for each)	1 (max 5 points)
Attend DCPA social events	3
Bring a (new) potential new member to any event	2
Provide a door prize or auction item	3

Attached is the list of point earning activities, and the points to be given.

This begins February 1, 2018 and will end August 31, 2018. As you can see from the list, there are multiple ways to earn points. **Trust me, the Grand Prize will be worth the effort!**

Points will be kept by the membership committee, and the winner will be announced at the September meeting.

## Upcoming Events & Important Dates! **Con't**

### **The Texas Board of Legal Specialization (TBLS) Announces Filing Deadline Extended for 2018 Paralegal Board Certification Examinations**

#### **PARALEGAL TBLS BOARD CERTIFICATION FILING PERIOD IS OPEN - FILING DEADLINE IS EXTENDED TO JULY 16, 2018.**

Established by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization (TBLS) in 1994, the paralegal certification program recognizes the quality of services of paralegals who have achieved a level of special knowledge in a particular area of law. The TBLS program is the only state organization authorized to certify paralegals as specialist in specialty areas of law. **This year's certification applications are currently available through July 16, 2018.**

Are you a Paralegal or do you know a Paralegal that might have what it takes to be Board Certified? Apply today or encourage them to apply!

TBLS currently offers Certification in 8 specialty areas for Texas Paralegals:

#### **Specialty Areas of Law for Paralegal Certifications:**

- Bankruptcy Law
- Civil Trial Law
- Criminal Law
- Estate Planning & Probate Law
- Family Law
- Personal Injury Trial Law
- Real Estate Law
- Oil, Gas & Mineral

The 2018 Paralegal Certification Application deadline has been extended to July 16, 2018. For additional information on paralegal certification and the applications, visit [www.tbbs-bcp.org/](http://www.tbbs-bcp.org/) the TBLS Board Certified Paralegal website.

## **Upcoming Events & Important Dates! Con't**

### **PARALEGALS RETURN TO LONDON TRIP April 12-20, 2019 (Eight Days and Seven Nights)**



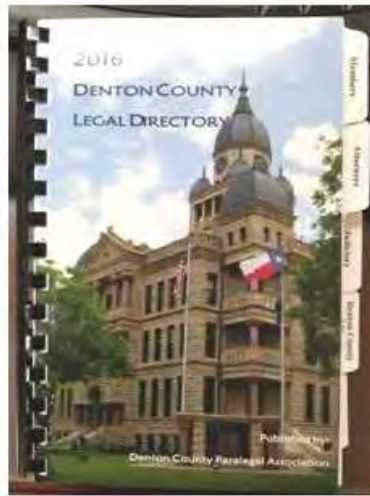
Registration is now open - Register today! Register by August 1, 2018 and receive a \$200 Discount. Payment Schedule Option Deadline for Registration is November 1, 2018. See attached flyer for more info and registration details.





## 2016 Legal Directory

By: Cheryl Cooper, Committee Chair



The 2016 Legal Directory Committee of the Denton County Paralegal Association is pleased to report that we have published our Denton County Legal Directory.

We are providing two options for the directory this year: a bound hard copy of the directory, as well as a digital copy of the directory that is on a flash drive. This is the first time in the history of DCPA that we have offered a digital copy of the directory and we are very pleased at the way they turned out.

If you, or someone you know, would like to purchase one of these directories, please contact Cheryl Cooper at Cell (979) 277-8761.

Digital directory - \$15.00 (\$2.50 Shipping Fee)

Bound directory - \$22.00 (\$4.50 Shipping Fee)

Both directories - \$35.00 (\$6.50 Shipping Fee).

If you prefer to pick up a copy at no additional cost, you may do so, with advance notice.

Checks should be made payable to Denton County Paralegal Association and mailed to P.O. Box 2641, Denton, Texas 76202.

## Support Our Sustaining Members

Please help support our Sustaining Members by calling them when you have a project that needs outside support. Remember it is through their continued support and generosity that DCPA is able to provide social events at a low cost.

### **County Process Service**

#### **Fred Bowles**

159 Sunnyside Lane  
Valley View, Texas 76272  
Phone: 940-390-0914  
Email – [fbowles@ntin.net](mailto:fbowles@ntin.net)

### **Stewart Process Service, Inc.**

#### **Bruce G. Stewart**

110 Sheraton Place  
Denton, Texas 76209  
*(Retired as of August 31, 2017)*

### **Stoffels & Associates, Inc.**

#### **Janel M. Stoffels**

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Denton, Texas 76201  
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### **File & ServeXpress**

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## Minutes

President Daphina Park called the meeting held on this date to order at 12:14 p.m. at Oakmont Country Club in Denton. President Park welcomed 9 members. No guests were in attendance.

### OLD BUSINESS

1. President Park presented the following for approval/vote:
  - Meeting Minutes from April's meeting: Motion by Martha Gallegos to approve, seconded by Beth Honeycutt, unanimously approved.
  - Approval of Treasurer's Report: Motion by Julia Christman to approve, seconded by Carla Pressly, unanimously approved.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. President Park announced the details of the upcoming CLE's as follows:
  - August – Disability (possibly; may need to go to Plan B of Kim Spivey's; or Plan C: Darcy Loveless on Collaborative Law)
  - September – Court Administrators will discuss preferences in their respective courts
  - October – Judge Gabriel re: Appeals Court
2. President Park recapped the DCPA Spa retreat with special thanks to Cindy Moon re: sending survey to those who attended re: their thoughts and those who didn't attend why and what would encourage them to attend next year
3. President Park recapped the May seminar and expressed thanks to all who helped out
4. There being no further business, President Park adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.