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Denton County Paralegal Association

Spring Seminar - *Save The Date!*



IMMIGRATION TODAY

2018 Spring CLE Seminar

May 11, 2018

9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Denton County Courts Building

1450 E. McKinney Street – 2nd Floor, Jury Room, Denton, TX

Schedule

- 8:30 a.m. - Check In**
- 9:00 a.m. - Connie Hay, Executive Director, Opening Doors International Services**
- 10:15 a.m. - Lisa Williams, Deportation Officer Criminal Alien Program, U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement**
- 11:30 p.m. - Mari Flores, Attorney at Law with Flores/Harbour Law**
- 12:30 p.m. - Box Lunch provided**

3.0 Hours of CLE Credit

Space is limited! Registration opens April 9, 2018 and closes May 4, 2018.

Cost: DCPA Members \$30.00 Non Members \$35.00

Register and pay online at dentonparalegals.org

Name: _____

DCPA Member **YES** **NO**

Firm/Company: _____

Address: _____

Amount Paid \$ _____

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Meeting Notice

The Denton County Paralegal Association's next Luncheon will be on Thursday, **March 15, 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 **March 13th 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)

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AGENDA FOR MEETING

Date: March 15, 2018
Place: Oakmont Country Club
1200 Clubhouse Drive
Corinth, Texas 76210
Time: Noon

- 1. Welcome Members and Guests**
- 2. Speaker** –Virginia Hammerle to speak about guardianships
- 3. Old Business**
 - a. Approve November Minutes
 - b. Approve 2017 Treasurer’s Report
 - c. Approve January Minutes
 - d. Approve January Treasurer’s Report
 - e. Approve February Minutes
 - f. Approve February Treasurer’s Report
- 4. New Business**
- 5. Announcements**
 - Remind members of Participation Drive
 - Next month’s speaker will be Ted Ogilvie to speak about “paperless office.”
- 5. Door Prize**
- 6. Adjournment**

CLE Speaker



This month our speaker is Virginia Hammerle. Ms. Hammerle is the founder of Hammerle Finley Law Firm, located in North Dallas, Texas, where she generally limits her practice to litigation, administration and business issues relating to business law, estate, trust, guardianship and probate matters. She has been Board Certified in Civil Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization since 1995. Ms. Hammerle will be speaking on guardianships.



President's Message

By: Daphina Park

Dear DCPA Members,

March 1st is the start of Women's History Month, which honors empowering females' efforts in creating change worldwide. With elections fresh on our minds, it is hard to believe that there was a time in our Nation's history when women were not able to vote. Thanks to the efforts of strong women like Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, Susan B. Anthony, and many others, the 19th Amendment was ratified on August 26, 1920, giving American women the right to vote—a right known as woman suffrage.

Women's wage equality is a major topic in today's society. Many women in Hollywood have used their fame to make it known that their pay is far less than that of their male counterparts. Research has shown that on average women make \$0.79 on the dollar compared to what men make. In Texas, the gender pay gap is 18.5%. April 12, 2016, was declared National Equal Pay Day and a national monument in Washington, D.C., honoring the movement for women's equality was erected.

Another powerful story in the headlines today is the #Me Too Movement. Since the story broke on producer Harvey Weinstein's acts of sexual misconduct and sexual assault, women across the nation have felt empowered to come forward with their own stories of harassment and sexual assault. In my time in the Family Violence Division in the District Attorney's Office, I handled Protective Orders and heard countless stories of women being degraded, manipulated, emotionally, verbally, physically and sexually abused, stalked and made to feel powerless. In this position, I was able to work hand-in-hand with the wonderful people at Friends of the Family who help these women break the cycle of dependence and abuse by empowering them through counseling, a food bank, shelter, job training and helping them find work.

Let's all continue to uplift and encourage one another daily, and remember we are strong women year round! The following are a few inspirational quotes from strong women in history.



President's Message Con't

1. "I have learned over the years that when one's mind is made up, this diminishes fear; knowing what must be done does away with fear." — Rosa Parks
2. "I declare to you that woman must not depend upon the protection of man, but must be taught to protect herself, and there I take my stand." — Susan B. Anthony
3. "Imperfection is beauty, madness is genius and it's better to be absolutely ridiculous than absolutely boring." — Marilyn Monroe
4. "A woman is like a tea bag - you can't tell how strong she is until you put her in hot water." —Eleanor Roosevelt
5. "I've come to believe that each of us has a personal calling that's as unique as a fingerprint – and that the best way to succeed is to discover what you love and then find a way to offer it to others in the form of service, working hard, and also allowing the energy of the universe to lead you." —Oprah Winfrey
6. "We realize the importance of our voices only when we are silenced." —Malala Yousafzai
7. "When we do the best we can, we never know what miracle is wrought in our life, or in the life of another." –Helen Keller
8. "Any woman who understands the problems of running a home will be nearer to understanding the problems of running a country." –Margaret Thatcher
9. "If you obey all the rules, you miss all the fun." – Katharine Hepburn
10. "You can have unbelievable intelligence, you can have connections, you can have opportunities fall out of the sky. But in the end, hard work is the true, enduring characteristic of successful people." –Marsha Evans

Birthdays

Our members with March Birthdays are:

Lisa Pittman (3/14)
 Shawn Andrews (3/17)
 Heather Collard (3/19)
 Brandi Greathouse (3/20)
 Lisa Bowles (3/31)

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

Upcoming Events & Important Dates!

Participation Award

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

| <u>Activity</u> | <u>Points</u> |
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| 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.

Wellness Retreat

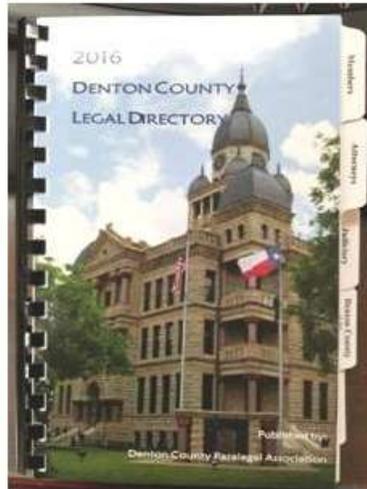
DCPA is hosting a Wellness Retreat: Unwind, Relax, De-Stress, Recharge and Renew, May 18-20, 2018 at the Still Waters Retreat Center in Springtown, Texas. It promises to be an unforgettable and rewarding experience!

February CLE Speaker – Clarke Wilcox



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 ccooper@reecerlaw.com; Work (940) 382-3168; or 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, at the Reecer Law Firm, 400 W. Oak Street, Suite 205, Denton, Texas 76201.

Checks should be made payable to Denton County Paralegal Association and either hand-delivered or mailed to our address.

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.

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Minutes

President Daphina Park called the meeting held on this date to order at 12:12 p.m. at Oakmont Country Club in Denton. President Park welcomed 16 members and 6 guests.

OLD BUSINESS

1. President Park tabled approval of the Treasurer's Report, November and January minutes approval, Valentine fundraiser report and update on the Bylaw revisions until the March meeting due to time constraints this meeting.
2. President Park welcomed CLE speaker Clarke Wilcox who subsequently presented the CLE topic on Elder Law.

NEW BUSINESS

1. President Park announced the details of the Participation Drive.
2. Cindy Moon announced the details for the DCPA Retreat registration and deadlines.
3. There being no further business, President Park adjourned the meeting at 1:04 p.m.