

MEMBER BENEFITS

MEETINGS

Each year MAP holds several meetings in various areas throughout the State. Professionals and members speak about issues relating to the paralegal profession, areas of practice or general topics. See the calendar at www.MDparalegals.org for specific meeting dates and locations.

PRO BONO

MAP offers information on various pro bono activities in which members may wish to participate.

NEWSLETTER—THE DOCKET

MAP publishes a quarterly e-newsletter, *The Docket*, which contains substantive articles that can assist you in your practice, as well as resume tips, events, and more.

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

MAP provides professional enrichment and continuing educational opportunities to members through speakers at meetings and seminars. Seminars are taught by experienced paralegals, attorneys, judges, law librarians and others experienced in various fields of law and business.

CAREER CENTER

MAP offers a Career Center which acts as a liaison between the Association's members seeking employment and employers in the legal community. Career Center listings are posted on our website daily and are provided directly to members through e-blasts. This service is FREE to members.

SCHOLARSHIPS — PCCE & PACE

NFPA has developed and proffers two certification exams, PCCE (CORE Registered Paralegal CRP™) for early career, entry-level paralegals and PACE (Registered Paralegal RP®) for experienced, practicing paralegals. The exams assess the knowledge, skill and competency levels of those taking them. MAP, through its supporting vendors, offers scholarships for both PCCE and PACE to those members who qualify to take the exams.

Visit our website for eligibility requirements and contact information for our Board of Directors. Questions may be emailed to a Board member at any time. Announcements regarding scholarships are published on our events page, our calendar, Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn as well as *The Docket*.

SOCIAL EVENTS

MAP's Social Committee plans several events for the membership throughout the year, including a reception honoring the Governor-proclaimed Maryland Paralegal Day, usually during Law Week; an annual Special Meeting of the members with an awards presentation, dinner, guest speaker or entertainment, as well as other activities. Visit MAP's website for a list of what's "**Happening Now.**"

NFPA MEMBER BENEFITS

As a member of MAP, you are also a member of the National Federation of Paralegal Associations and are, therefore, entitled to many more benefits including:

- Quarterly magazine, *The Paralegal Reporter*
- National career opportunities
- Continuing legal education
- Networking /List Serves (which focus on substantive practice areas)
- Annual Conventions/Conferences

For a detailed list of benefit information, please visit NFPA's website: www.paralegals.org

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What is MAP?

The Maryland Association of Paralegals, Inc. (MAP) is a voluntary, non-profit organization comprised of practicing paralegals, students enrolled in paralegal programs, and entities interested in supporting the paralegal profession. Formed in 1974, MAP works to advance the quality and standards of the paralegal profession. MAP is a 501(c)(6) organization, and therefore is a charitable organization by and for its members.

Members are required to practice in accordance with MAP's *Code of Ethics and Professional Responsibility*, adopted in 1996, in order to increase the quality and efficiency of legal services, while recognizing our profession's responsibility to the public, the legal community and our colleagues.

MAP's Mission

- To promote and protect the general professional interests of paralegals in the State of Maryland
- To involve paralegals in the shaping of guidelines affecting the regulation and development of the paralegal profession
- To provide a forum for the exchange of view points on matters of professional interest
- To fairly represent both public and private section paralegal viewpoints and interests
- To foster continuing education and be a resource center for career enhancement and educational information
- To keep paralegals informed of national concerns/developments that affect the profession

Membership Categories

To join MAP, complete this brochure and return with your dues payment to the address listed or complete our Membership Application found online at: www.MDparalegals.org

All memberships are effective from January 1 through December 31.

\$85 Voting Membership (Active):

Open to all practicing paralegals or any person who has successfully completed training as a paralegal. Active members have a right to vote on all matters submitted to a vote. Active members also have the right to hold office in the Association and to elect the Board of Directors of the Association. Dues are discounted to \$65 for Government Employees.

\$40 Student Membership (non-voting):

Open to all persons enrolled in a paralegal training program. A member may hold this membership for the term of four (4) years only. Verification of student status is required upon application and renewal.

\$150 Sustaining Corporate Membership (non-voting):

Open to all corporate entities supporting the paralegal profession and the purposes of MAP.

\$80 Sustaining Individual Membership (non-voting):

Open to any individual who has graduated from a paralegal program but is not yet a practicing paralegal or an individual who is interested in supporting the paralegal profession.

About Membership:

One of the greatest assets of the paralegal profession is the ethnic, cultural and social diversity of its members. Both NFPA and MAP welcome diversity in all forms through its membership, vendors, paralegal educators, the paralegal profession, legal profession, bar associations and the courts.

JOIN OR DONATE TODAY!

Annual membership enrolls you in the Maryland Association of Paralegals, Inc. and in the National Federation of Paralegal Associations, which entitles you to access to both local and national services and benefits.

Name: _____

Employer: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

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Please indicate where you prefer to receive correspondence:

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AREAS OF INTEREST

Area where you prefer to attend meetings.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> DC Metro | <input type="checkbox"/> Southern MD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Shore | <input type="checkbox"/> Western MD |

MEMBERSHIP* Check one:

New Renewal

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$85 Active/Voting | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150 Corporate Sustaining |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$65 Govt Employee* | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$40 Students* | <input type="checkbox"/> \$80 Sustaining Individual |

**Verification required upon application and renewal. Students may hold Student level for a period of four (4) years.*

INTERESTS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> CLE | <input type="checkbox"/> Pro Bono |

MAP agrees to protect the privacy of all its members. All membership and participant lists are kept confidential and are not sold to anyone without your explicit consent.