

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

HPA Members,

Hello everyone from your new President! I'm honored to be able to serve, and I hope I do the position justice. I want to say thank you to Marlene and our other outgoing board members for their dedicated service.

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer. I'm going to jump on my soapbox for just a minute. I really want to encourage you to get back in the swing of things. We miss seeing all your beautiful faces! We have several great events coming up and I would like to see us have a nice crowd.

Make some time for yourself - join us for appetizers and a drink at our Summer Social in August and have some fun with your colleagues. Be on the lookout for an informative meeting in September – start the Fall season out on the right foot. Make plans now to attend the Annual Fall Seminar in October - we have some amazing speakers lined up, and you just never know what you might learn! Keeping up to speed on what's going on in different areas of the legal field is a fun way to stay fresh.

Let's all encourage each other to get involved and attend some events and meetings!

--Lauren Butler

Heartland Paralegal Association President, 2023-2024



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We want to hear from you!
Share new jobs, promotions,
awards, graduations, etc.

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-----COMMUNITY OUTREACH-----

Kate Stuart, Chair

Choose a Charity – HPA Annual Fundraiser



Soon it will be time to choose a charity for HPA’s Annual Charity Fundraiser. HPA members choose one charity at the end of each year to raise funds for, and those donations are presented at our December holiday social. HPA matches the total donations up to \$500.00.

If you would like to nominate a favorite charity, we would love to hear about it! The Executive Board will select three charities from the nominations. HPA members will get the opportunity to vote for one of the three nominated charities by SurveyMonkey and the winner will be announced at the September meeting. Contact Kate Stuart directly at (816) 616-6321 or by email at kstuart@hab-law.com.

Please have nominations in by August 15. Thank you!

Summer Community Outreach Event – Flourish Furnishings



Flourish Furniture Bank is the only not-for-profit furniture bank in the Kansas City area. We collect, prepare, and distribute donated furnishings and home essentials to offer a “hand up” by meeting the household furnishings needs of those on the margins in KC.

Activities - Something for everyone!

Here's a sample: • Personal Shopper - Shadow a Shopper in assisting participants with furnishings selection. • Sorting- Sort and shelve small household donations. • Parking lot volunteer - Assist the Lot Coordinator in greeting Clients. • Storage room operations - Variety of projects depending on your visit day: recycling, testing electronics, large donation sorting, and

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more. • Hospitality - Staff the hospitality room to make Clients feel welcome and comfortable while waiting for their appointment time. • Re-stock Showroom. • Furnishings loading - Assist with Client's furniture loading. •

Plan to have fun! 😊

For more information on Flourish Furnishings visit: <https://flourishfurniturebank.org/>

Who Can Attend:

- HPA members
- Non-member paralegals, legal assistants, and paralegal students are welcome to register

Questions? Contact Kate Stuart at (816) 616-6321 or by email at kstuart@hab-law.com.

[REGISTER HERE!](#)

-----MEMBERSHIP NEWS-----

Jennifer Kempf, Chair

Current members: 49

Associate - 4
Voting - 29
Sustaining - 6
Student - 8
Honorary - 2



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Voting
Ruby Fasbinder

Student
Denise DeHaemers, Washburn Institute of Technology



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MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Networking – Connect with other area paralegals at monthly meetings, social events, annual seminar, and community outreach programs.
- Education – HPA provides quality continuing legal education opportunities during monthly meetings and at its annual Fall Seminar.
- Community Outreach – Join other members in serving the Kansas City Community with hands-on volunteer opportunities several times throughout the year.
- Discounted monthly meetings and Fall Seminar
- HPA Headnotes Newsletter
- Job Bank – Get the inside scoop on new jobs in the metro area

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

VOTING MEMBERSHIP - Open to individuals in Kansas City and surrounding areas, who qualify through education and/or experience as a paralegal or legal assistant. Annual membership is \$40.00.

PARALEGAL STUDENT- Open to individuals who are either full-time or part-time students in good standing in any college, junior college, or other school pursuing a course of study as a paralegal.

Visit our [About Us](#) page for additional info and requirements.

JOIN NOW

Amendments to HPA Bylaws and Standing Rules Approved

An email went out to Voting members on April 18, 2023 with information regarding a few changes to our bylaws and standing rules, which were approved at our May general membership meeting. If you would like to review, you should be able to access these documents when logged into the HPA website under 'HPA Members Area → HPA Documents'.

--PROGRAMS AND EDUCATION----

SUMMER SOCIAL –

Monday, August 21, 2023 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Location: Tanner's Bar & Grill
Lenexa, KS



How has your summer been? Come hang with us to catch up and network with your local Kansas City area paralegals!

We'll also have some of our business partners in attendance, so be on the lookout for some sweet SWAG and learn more about the great legal vendors in the metro!

This is a totally FREE event, so don't miss out!

[REGISTER HERE!](#)

HPA ANNUAL SEMINAR

Friday, October 27, 2023

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Thompson Barn,
Lenexa, KS



Registration coming soon!

Our annual seminar never disappoints! We'll have several different speakers covering a wide variety of topics, including legal ethics.

We've booked a few speakers, and should have an official announcement with speaker listing out soon.

We'll need some help putting this together, so keep an eye out for an email from seminar committee!

-----NALA News-----

Jennifer Kempf, NALA Liaison



Wrap Up of 2023 NALA Conference

The annual NALA Conference and Expo was on July 12th through 14th this year in Boston, MA and virtually. Another successful conference with wonderful speakers has been completed! If you missed out on any of these wonderful speakers, you can access the videos online for a fee.

Just because this year’s conference is over doesn’t mean you can start planning for next year. NALA has put out a call for speakers for next year’s conference from July 11-13, 2024 in Louisville, KY. If you would like to participate and speak at next year’s conference submissions are currently being accepted until September 1, 2023. Proposal reviews will be done from September 1 – October 1, 2023 and speakers will be selected between October 1 – November 1, 2023. Upon completion you will be contacted if you have been chosen or not. Keep in mind that these are very selective and competitive, believe me I know because I’ve tried. Good luck to everyone who tries!

----MEDIA COMMITTEE NEWS-----

Lauren Walker, Chair



New HPA Website Provider Live

That’s right, HPA switched to a new website provider! If you haven’t already done so, you will need to reset your password that will be tied to the new website, which can be done by clicking the “request new password” when logging in for the first time. Our intention is to make the change as seamless as possible, but please reach out to me at hpamediachair@gmail.com if you are having any issues logging in or accessing your membership profile. Thanks for your patience as we do our best to make your HPA website experience even better!

-----THIS AND THAT-----

HPA Blog

Check out our blog on our new website! If you have something you would like to contribute, please reach out to hpamediachair@gmail.com so we can get it posted. We would love to hear from you!



Search Terms by Kate Stuart

Today, I want to discuss search terms. In my position, as a civil litigation paralegal, I spend a lot of time searching for all sorts of information on people, companies, issues, news stories. You name it, I've probably searched for it.

While each of these types of searches requires their own set of skills, for the most part assembling the terms for the search is fairly standard.

Now, we've all taken the class, watched a webinar, or listened to a software developer's presentation about assembling search terms, using connectors, using each and every one of those "Advanced Search" features. However, I find that so often the complicated searches only...[read the rest here!](#)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, August 19, 2023 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Community Outreach	Volunteer at Flourish Furnishings Grandview, MO
Monday, August 21, 2023 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Summer Social	HPA Summer Social (FREE TO ATTEND) Tanner's Bar & Grill Lenexa, KS
September 2023 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Dinner & CLE	TBD
Friday, October 27, 2023 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Seminar	Annual Fall Seminar Thompson Barn, Lenexa, KS More information coming soon!

More events coming soon! Check your email!

Visit HPA's Events page for more information and to register.
<http://www.heartlandparalegalassociation.org/events.html#!event-list>



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