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Paralegal PERSPECTIVES

PAR seeks Paralegal of the Year nominations

The Paralegal Association of Rochester, Inc. ("PAR") invites you to visit our newly designed website at www.RochesterParalegal.org! The website is user friendly and offers a host of information. You will find recent announcements from the Monroe County Bar Association, news about our upcoming events, and our offerings of continued legal education ("CLE").

Our website also offers a "Job Board" and listings are FREE. Email PARoc.Employment@gmail.com for more information and/or to have a position posted.

Membership renewals due

We are 108 members strong and growing! We would like to remind members that April is our membership renewal month. Voting members — please be sure to submit your renewal form and payment by May 1 so that you are eligible to vote for PAR's slate of officers and directors. There will be a few open positions on the Board for the 2017-2018 year. The Nominating Committee will be sending an email soon regarding the positions and duties for each. Again, in order to be eligible, voting members will need to have their payment and renewal form in by the due date. Information regarding our annual dinner will be posted soon so be sure to visit PAR's website under events.

We invite all current members to log in to PAR's website and update their member profile between February 1, 2017 and April 1, 2017. Each member that does so will be entered into PAR's raffle. One lucky winner will receive a \$25 Wegmans gift card and that winner will be announced on the member-only



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2017 Paralegal of the Year nominations sought

PAR is currently seeking nominations for its annual Paralegal of the Year Award. Employers, co-workers, peers and paralegals can nominate a voting member of PAR for this prestigious award! All applications will be reviewed and judged by the Paralegal of the Year Committee and the award recipient will be honored at PAR's Annual Meeting/Dinner in May, recognized in our Daily Record article, and on our website. The deadline to submit a nomination is April 15, 2017. Please visit PAR's website for more information under resources/documents.

Continued Legal Education

As many of you know, PAR offers numerous CLEs throughout the year. On May 9, 2017, PAR hosted a CLE on "Admissibility of Social Media and electronically-stored information." Our speaker was Eileen E. Buholtz, Esq. of Connors, Corcoran & Buholtz, PLLC.

Buholtz outlined the distinguishing difference between electronically stored information and social media. Discussion was had about the common characteristics of social media, the "best evidence" rule, exceptions to the rule against hearsay, photocopies and reproductions of originals, tape recorded conversations, and the process of authenticating print-

outs of social media postings such as text messages, Twitter, electronic and web-based records, along with the ethical issues involved for attorneys and paralegals and social media. The CLE was informative and eye opening! As litigants know, it is astounding what people physically hold onto and what they put on social media. Please visit our website for upcoming CLEs.

PAR also hosts various social events throughout the year where members and sponsors of PAR can mingle with each other to build working relationships with professionals in our communities, access local resources available in our field, and to learn from one another. Please check our website routinely as we will be announcing upcoming events.

We are always seeking new members to join PAR and continue its efforts to be an informed resource to our legal community. Be sure to visit our website at www.RochesterParalegal.org and visit our membership page.

PAR wants to remind everyone that we are hosting the 2019 NFPA Convention in October 2019. Attendees of the convention will include paralegal associations and members nationally, as well as military paralegals from around the world. The convention will have CLE sessions, workshops, exhibits and NFPA Board meetings, as well as a social event. We are excited for this first-time opportunity and will provide more information as it becomes available.

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