

## Paralegal PERSPECTIVES

# Get to know the 2018-2019 PAR Board

The new Paralegal Association of Rochester, Inc. (PAR) Board has already begun its work for the 2018-2019 year: the board is meeting July 18 to finalize PAR's primary goals for the new year!

The purpose of establishing the primary goals is to keep the organization focused on PAR's mission of promoting the paralegal profession while targeting specific initiatives. Each officer, director and representative will work to set their individual goals for the year in support of PAR's primary objectives.

PAR continues to be proactive in shaping the future of paralegals locally and statewide, as well as nationally. PAR is committed to leading initiatives for pro bono opportunities for paralegals within the legal field and within our communities. PAR is a proud supporter and avid volunteer of the local annual Vet Expo and the Operation Gratitude partnership with NFPA nationally.

PAR is also focused on 2018-2019 CLE programs, which will offer new and seasoned paralegals opportunities to learn and to teach new concepts, stretch our comfort zones to enrich our knowledge and experience as a paralegal, and provide opportunities to connect with and mentor other paralegals. As we move forward in the upcoming year, please keep in mind that CLEs are available to PAR members and non-members. So keep checking our website for upcoming CLEs!

As the board focuses on its primary goals, it is important that you, as our colleagues and fellow community members, know a little bit about each of us. As the newly elected president and pro bono co-



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ordinator of PAR, I am pleased to introduce the 2018-2019 PAR Board:

### Officers:

**Secretary:** Debra Drennan is a paralegal with Klafehn Heise & Johnson PLLC and a Town of Kendall judge.

**Treasurer:** Deborah Wilcox Mabry is a paralegal with Nixon Peabody LLP, the vice

president of the Empire State Alliance of Paralegal Association, Inc. (ESAPA), and PAR's 2019 National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. (NFPA) convention chair.

### Directors and Representatives:

**Public Relations:** Sandee Ciaccia is a paralegal with Boylan Code LLP, United Way Campaign coordinator and volunteer fundraiser for Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

**Membership:** Darcia Mancini is a paralegal with the Monroe County Law Department and also one of three PAR directors-at-large.

**NFPA/ESAPA Primary:** J.P. Fountain is a paralegal with Bond Schoeneck & King PLLC and is an immigration volunteer with the Catholic Family Center of Rochester.

**NFPA/ESAPA Secondary:** Reagan Weinhart is a paralegal with Relin, Goldstein & Crane LLP and is also one of three PAR membership co-chairs.

**Education and Programming-Events:** Amanda Nemchick is a paralegal with Woods Oviatt Gilman, LLP.

**Employment and Website:** Bonnie

Brooks is a paralegal with Woods Oviatt Gilman, LLP, an adjunct professor at Monroe Community College, and PAR's 2018 Paralegal of the Year recipient.

**Director-at-Large:** Nicole Place is a paralegal with Nixon Peabody.

**Director-at-Large:** Karen Klindt is a paralegal at the University of Rochester.

Traditionally, directors-at-large assist with various projects throughout the year, and we look forward to their fresh ideas and input!

**Advisor to the Board:** Jane Gorski is a paralegal with Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP, an adjunct professor at Monroe Community College, and one of three PAR membership co-chairs.

As you can see, our officers, directors and representatives bring a variety of experience, knowledge and interests to the board, the paralegal profession and respective board positions.

We encourage you to visit our website at [rochesterparalegals.org](http://rochesterparalegals.org) to view our sponsors and calendar of events (which is updated frequently), as well as learn more about becoming a member of PAR, the upcoming 2019 NFPA Convention (which PAR is hosting), ESAPA and NFPA.

Contact us through our website with any ideas, questions or compliments. We look forward to seeing you at all of our future events and in our communities.

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