

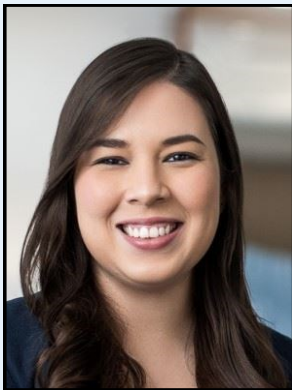


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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE CAPITAL AREA
PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION

MARCH 2024

PRESIDENT MESSAGE



Happy March, everyone!

I hope everyone is enjoying the BEAUTIFUL weather we've been having to offset the loss of one precious hour of sleep. We are ONE MONTH away from our [CAPA Spring CLE](#) on April 12. We will be hosting it at the Thompson Conference Center this year with a fun happy hour for conference attendees at [Austin Eastciders](#) to follow! Lots of learning included and we're also throwing in some breakfast, snacks, and lunch! Check out our hyperlinked flyer in this Brief for more information. Our speakers and topics are all set and they are looking soooo good! If you didn't already know, our Grand Prize sponsor and our Platinum Happy Hour Sponsor is [ProCare](#)

[Medical Centers](#). They are sponsoring the \$500.00 prize that one lucky attendee will win. There will also be many sponsor prizes and giveaways so don't miss out. This is an excellent opportunity to get a good batch of your CLE hours and meet some of our AMAZING sustaining members!

Our February CLE presentation by Matt Grove was a hit! Matt presented on property characterization in divorces. We received excellent feedback! As a reminder, our [March CLE](#) will be held via Zoom. This month's speaker is Colin Wolff, from Kelley Wolff Law. He will be discussing the client disbursement process. Its TBSL approved for Civil Trial and Personal Injury.

As a reminder, CAPA will be participating in Keep Austin Beautiful Day, scheduled for April 20, 2024. We will open up registration soon, but in the meantime, save the date! And keep an eye on our social media for registration announcements.

If you've been looking for volunteer opportunities, Volunteer Legal Services has several roles they could use your expertise with! Check out the flyers in this brief for more information!

I look forward to seeing a lot of you at the Spring CLE next month! As always, please feel free to email me if you have any questions or anything you'd like to share.

Kellie Balli
CAPA President, 2023-2024

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BOARD SPOTLIGHT

PRESIDENT-ELECT, MORGAN RAINS-WALKER

Hi everyone!

My name is Morgan Rains-Walker and I am the President-Elect for CAPA's 2023-2024 Board of Directors! I'm also a co-chair for the Social Committee. As President-Elect I've spent this past year shadowing our President Kellie Balli to learn all the presidential duties. As co-chair for the Social Committee, I help organize and plan CAPA's social events. Our first event of the year will be the Meet the Board Happy Hour & Vendor Expo, which will be sometime in early August, so stay tuned! I hope to see you all at our events this year!



I have been a paralegal at the Law Office of Dan Dworin for six years. Our firm does criminal defense and handles criminal cases in Travis County and the surrounding areas. Our office assists with misdemeanors, felonies, federal cases, expunctions, non-disclosures, and administrative license revocation hearings. Also, I recently became a Board Certified Paralegal in Criminal Law with the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. While I'm not at work or volunteering with CAPA, I enjoy spending time with my husband Kyle and our friends, going to concerts, hiking around Austin, and checking out all the great restaurants in Austin.

COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

SPRING CLE

The Spring CLE Committee is made up of several CAPA members. We are tasked with putting together our annual Spring CLE where we get a full day of CLE credits. This year is even better as CAPA is also hosting the Alliance Paralegal Association annual leadership meeting that same weekend. We are expecting paralegals from all over the state to attend.

If you haven't registered yet, check out our flyer in this Brief or click below! Its hyperlinked and it will take you straight to our registration page. You won't want to miss out this year! We have an amazing lineup!

TAPA X CAPA
CAPITAL AREA PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION
2024 SPRING CLE AND
TAPA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



2024 CAPA SPRING CLE
APRIL 12, 2024 - 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
THOMPSON CONFERENCE CENTER
2405 ROBERT DEDMAN DR.
AUSTIN, TX 78712



2024 TAPA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
APRIL 13, 2024 - 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
111 CONGRESS AVENUE
AUSTIN, TX 78701

So come on, join us for 6 hours of CLE, network with sustaining members and other paralegals, and have fun at the happy hour to follow. One lucky attendee will win the \$500.00 GRAND PRIZE sponsored by Pro Care Medical Centers! Spots are filling up quickly so register today!

UPCOMING EVENTS & BIRTHDAYS

- Mar. 15 Cheryl Ischy Professionalism Award - Nominations Open
- Mar. 26 Web Team Monthly Coffee Catch-up Meeting
- Mar. 27 March CLE
- Apr. 6 April Board Meeting
- Apr. 11 Lunch & Learn: Care Planning in the Court Room
- Apr. 12 2024 TAPAxCAPA - CAPA Spring CLE
- Apr. 13 TAPA Leadership Meeting

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

ELIZABETH BRUTON

MONICA CASAREZ

LISHELLE COVIN

CAROL DANCY

CATHERINE DINEEN

EMILY GATLIN

KATIE GLEASON

ANGELA ALDRICH GOLDBERG

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ELIZABETH TSCHUDI

ARIANE WALTON

Did we miss your birthday?

[Log in and update your member profile](#), or [let us know](#).

CAPA Monthly Meeting and CLE via Zoom

March 27 12-1 pm

\$15 members/\$20 non-members

REGISTER AT: WWW.CAPATX.ORG

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PERSONAL INJURY LAW

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FEBRUARY CLE RECAP



Thank you, Matt Grove

Matt Grove from Eggleston Law Firm was our February CLE presenter. Matt presented on property division and characterization in divorces. His discussion included separate property, use and control of community property during divorce proceedings, personal injury settlements, and mixed character. As always, we had a great turnout and received excellent feedback!

We hope to see you at our next CLE!

CAPA SHOUTOUT!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST TBLS-CERTIFIED CAPA MEMBERS!

MORGAN RAINS-WALKER
(CRIMINAL LAW)

MARY PICKETT
(CIVIL TRIAL LAW)

If you recently became TBLS certified, let us know!
We'd love to give you a shout out!

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TODD NICKLE
"CRIMINAL LAW
ISSUES IN FAMILY
AND CIVIL
LITIGATION"



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EQUITABLE PRINCIPLES"



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HEALTH AND ETHICAL ISSUES FOR THE
MODERN LEGAL PROFESSIONAL"



**CHIEF JUSTICE
DARLENE BRYNE**



**JUSTICE
GISELA D. TRIANA**



**JUSTICE
CHARI L. KELLY**

THIRD COURT OF APPEALS
"15TH COURT OF APPEALS AND BUSINESS COURT"

6 HOURS OF CLE (INCLUDING 1 HOUR OF ETHICS)

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[Paralegal Sign up](#)

[9am-12pm shift](#)

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[\(click link to register\)](#)

[Interpreter Sign up](#)

[9am-12pm shift](#)

[11am-2pm shift](#)

Date: April 27th

Time: 9am-2pm

Location: South Austin

**Address confidential,
provided upon registration**

**CLE will be provided
prior to event**

Questions? Email htoups@vlsoc.org

Attorney Sign up

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For more information contact
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NEEDED**



**VLS offers free legal advice at in-person clinics
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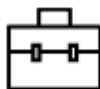
CLE

CAPA offers several hours of CLE throughout the year at monthly luncheons, CLE Seminars, and Lunch & Learns. Many are complimentary or offered at a discounted rate.



DISCUSSION FORUM

CAPA members have exclusive access to CAPA's online discussion forum. Ask questions, share information, and discuss all things paralegal.



JOB BANK

Exclusively for Members, CAPA's Job Bank is updated several times per month with job postings in the Austin area.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships can be used for paralegal certification exam fees, membership dues, CLE seminars, and other approved paralegal study materials.



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