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Brief History & General Information

The El Paso Association of Legal Assistants (EPALA) was formed in February 1982 to meet a growing need among legal assistants for a professional organization to further its members' professional development and advancement of the paralegal profession in El Paso. In 2003, the membership voted to change the name of the association to the El Paso Paralegal Association (EPPA) due to recent trend toward the use of that term for those who have traditionally been referred to as legal assistants.

Some of EPPA's goals are to establish good fellowship among association members, NALA, and members of the legal community; to encourage a high order of ethical and professional attainment; to continuously educate members of the profession; to cooperate with the bar associations; and to support and carry out the programs, purposes, aims and goals of the National Association of Legal Assistants, Inc. (NALA).

EPPA is an affiliate of the *National Association of Legal Assistants* and is a member of the Texas Alliance of Paralegal Associations. Through these affiliations, EPPA members receive many benefits including shared job bank information and networks with its fellow associations throughout Texas. EPPA seeks to keep its members informed on developments in the profession in Texas, the United States and other countries.

Monthly Meetings

EPPA has its monthly luncheons on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the El Paso Club, Chase Bank Building, 201 E. Main Street, 18th Floor, El Paso, Texas from noon to 1:00 p.m. with guest speakers presenting on various topics and areas of the law for which its members receive CLE credit. Currently all monthly meetings are being held via Zoom. A link is sent out prior to each luncheon.

Please remember to visit the EPPA website for details on upcoming speakers, including EPPA's ___ Annual Golf Tournament and its Annual Attorney/Paralegal Luncheon held in December.

**Please RSVP for the luncheon with
Laura Juarez, CP at
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Our Community

Each year EPPA adopts a local charity chosen by its members and through its efforts supports the charity throughout the year. This year, the adopted charity is _____. Additionally, EPPA members contribute their time and talents for any charitable/pro bono opportunities that may arise. Past adopted charities included **Animal Rescue League of El Paso**, Law N' Paws Animal Rescue, El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank, The Opportunity Center for the Homeless, Down Syndrome Coalition for El Paso, Hospice El Paso, Center for Children El Paso, El Refugio Children's Soup Kitchen in Cd. Juarez, Mexico, The Child Crisis Center, The Center Against Family Violence, and The Reynolds House.

Other

Membership Information

Visit our website for membership forms at www.elppa.org or for more information contact Yvette Duran at ParalegalDL@labinotilaw.com.

Annual Active Membership Dues
only \$45.00!

Student Annual Dues
only \$15.00!

The Writ

EPPA members also receive a monthly newsletter, the Writ, which contains information on upcoming events, and other helpful information.

Job Opportunities

EPPA maintains a job bank for paralegals in search of employment, as well as for employers seeking someone to hire. For more information please visit our website at www.elppa.org.

The Network

Another benefit of membership in EPPA is access to the network of knowledge and experience of the membership. EPPA's resources are an invaluable asset to those who are new to the profession, as well as to those who are more experienced, but may simply need direction on an issue outside the area of law in which they work.