

Who

- The Richmond Paralegal Association (RPA) is a non-profit corporation organized December 8, 1982, under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

What

- RPA is an association for paralegals whose primary goals are professionalism, leadership, continuing legal education, public service, and networking.

Where

- RPA members are from metropolitan Richmond and surrounding counties.

RPA supports new paralegal development at many levels, offering student memberships, providing scholarship opportunities for promising candidates, offering a mentor program to help recent paralegal graduates make the transition from school to successful employment as a paralegal, and hosting a CLA/CP study group to assist members in adding credentialing to their profession.



Visit RPA's website for the most up-to-date information ---

- **Calendar of Upcoming Events and Activities**
- **Job Bank**
- **Membership**
- **Pro Bono Opportunities**
- **Scholarships**

RPA encourages all members to take an active role in their profession by volunteering in the community through Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) and the Central Virginia Legal Aid Society.

Through participation in these programs, members find opportunities to network with local attorneys, paralegals, court personnel, and community leaders while gaining invaluable real world experience.

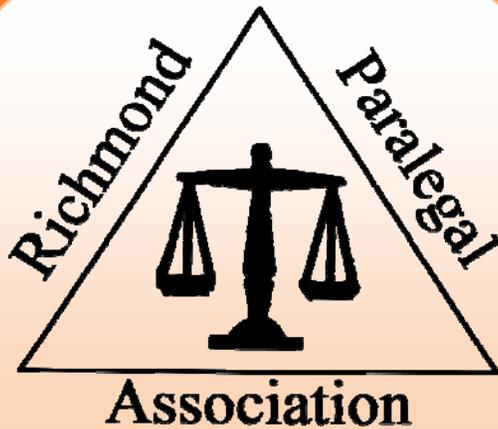
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Thank you for your interest in the Richmond Paralegal Association (RPA).

For over twenty-seven years, RPA has offered programs and network opportunities to promote the paralegal profession through awareness, education, and public service.

Please accept RPA's invitation to explore membership opportunities. As an RPA member, you can exchange and share experiences, opinions, and knowledge with paralegals in the Richmond metropolitan area.

RPA offers:

- Contact and direct association with members who share like interests and goals
- Opportunities to promote standards for the paralegal profession
- General and specialized continuing legal education designed for paralegals through member brown bag luncheons and dinner meetings
- Opportunities to volunteer with Court Appointed Special Advocates ("CASA") and the Central Virginia Legal Aid Society

RPA membership includes:

- Sharing knowledge and efficient procedures among professionals with diverse experiences and training
- Notification of workshops and conferences presented by the National Association of Legal Assistants and Paralegals ("NALA"), the Virginia Alliance of Paralegal Associations ("VAPA"), and other organizations.
- An annual Law Day luncheon and Paralegal Week reception
- Assistance in working toward Certified Legal Assistant/Certified Paralegal status through a study group
- Access to the Mentor/Mentee program for students or paralegals changing practice areas
- Receipt of On The Record - the Association's quarterly newsletter
- A free job bank to members and area employers
- Participation in networking events and establishment of fellowship

RPA's purposes:

- Encourage a high order of ethical and professional attainment
- Provide a local voice for paralegals
- Promote a forum of exchange and support for paralegals to share experiences, viewpoints, and knowledge of professional interest
- Increase paralegal's knowledge and expertise by promoting and encouraging formal education, training, experience, programs, seminars, and affiliations
- Encourage and promote the role of paralegals as a vital role of the legal team in furnishing efficient legal services
- Seek a more cohesive and active relationship with the Virginia State Bar and local bar associations
- Support and carry out the program, purposes, aims, and goals of NALA
- Promote leadership skill building

Members benefit from network opportunities, continuing education programs, an employment job bank, *On The Record* quarterly newsletter, affiliation with the National Association of Legal Assistants and Paralegals, the Virginia Alliance of Paralegal Associations - and much more.