

GATECITYBAR

Paralegal Section

Newsletter - 1st Quarter 2009



Edwina Bernita Robinson
2009 Section Chair

Welcome to 2009! We are very excited that you are interested in our organization. Our committee leaders have already begun planning an exciting year for our members. We hope that you will consider becoming involved in all that we have to offer. I am humbled by the opportunity to serve an organization that I feel is dedicated to the enrichment of the lives of all Paralegals. Thank you for giving me this gift and I hope that I can give back all that I have gotten from this organization in the last four years. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if I can be of any help to you.

Membership

Mia Harris

GCB Paralegal Section members - It's time to renew your membership!

Effective Friday, February 27, 2009 the renewal fees for non-students will be \$40/annually and the fee for students will remain at \$10/annually. The fee increase will allow us to organize and fund our traditional events, while enhancing our sponsorship efforts. Please note that we have elected to honor the original fee of \$25.00 on all paid applications received prior to the new effective date. The new application is included with this newsletter and it will also be available in the Paralegal section of our website.

SAVE THE DATE!

**The GCBA New Member Mixer is scheduled for
March 18, 2009, 6pm-8pm at 595 North Event Venue.
Come join us for complimentary hors d'oeuvres and cocktails,
fun, music and networking!**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at
gcbaparalegalsmembership@yahoo.com

Pro Bono

Kathleen Mitchell

The ProBono Committee held its first quarterly meeting on January 29, 2009 @ the Auburn Avenue Research Library.

This year, I would like the committee to expand its participation in community activities. I will draft a mission statement for the Committee to distribute soon. Community involvement is also the focus of the Attorney section of Gate City Bar. There are many volunteer opportunities available throughout metropolitan Atlanta for the committee members to participate. In order for this to be a collaborative effort, I welcome all suggestions for different types of community programs that we can volunteer. We hope to assist the attorneys with their community efforts as well.

We need mentors! I encourage the participation of as many paralegals as possible in our mentoring program so that we can help the students get to where we are. We still have plenty of internships available as well.

Upcoming events for the Pro Bono Committee include a mentor/mentee brunch in April and mentor/mentee barbeque in July.

Continuing Legal Education

Cynthia Thorne

We are thrilled to announce the first meeting for the Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Committee, which is scheduled as follows:

**Saturday, February 21, 2009 @ 11:00 am
Seyfarth Shaw, LLP
1545 Peachtree Street, N.E., 6th Floor
Atlanta GA 30309**

We would like to "coin" our first meeting as the "**CLE Forum - Roundtable Discussions**". I cannot begin to tell you how excited we are to share the objectives for the CLE Committee for the 2009 year. We have received so many great ideas already, but we absolutely want to hear what's on your mind and in your thoughts as a legal professional. We have a lot of ground to cover and I am confident that everyone will have vast input and a wealth of knowledge to share, i.e. education, career experiences, etc. I cannot wait to see everyone's "face in the place". Let's get ready for a ground-breaking year!

For more information contact:

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Student Liaison

Lisa Mathis

All students are invited to meet with the Student Liaison committee on March 14, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. in the library of Herzing College. Please email your name, address, phone number and the name of your institution to Lisa Mathis at studentliaison@yahoogroups.com. We will select a chairperson for each institution as well as discuss student projects for this year.

The Student Liaison Committee will be hosting our 1st Annual Job Fair in April. Exact date and location will be given soon. All students who are interested in joining our committee please email studentliaison@yahoogroups.com.

Brown Mackie - Lisa Newman
Clayton State College - Aisha Wyatt
DeKalb Technical College - Dorian Joyner
Emory University - Cynthia Thorne
Herzing University - Patrina Davis
Kennesaw State University - Mia Harris



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME: _____

WORK ADDRESS: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

MOBILE PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

PREFERRED EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

ALTERNATE EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

FIRM/SCHOOL: _____

AREA OF LAW(S) YOU SPECIALIZE IN: _____

I would like to work with the following committees:

Membership _____ Pro Bono _____ CLE _____

Communications _____ Student Liaison _____ Marketing _____

Please check the appropriate selection.

2009 Membership Dues are \$40* _____

2009 Student Dues are \$10 _____

Please check here if this is a renewal _____

Please mail your \$40/\$10 check or money order, *made payable to Gate City Bar*, and application to the membership committee at:

Gate City Bar Association's
Paralegal Section
P. O. Box 93424
Atlanta, Georgia 30377

Please email any inquiries to: gcbaparalegals@live.com

*If 2009 dues are received by Friday, February 27, 2009, they can be paid at the previous \$25 rate. All dues received after Friday, February 27, 2009 must be paid at the 2009 rate of \$40. Student dues remain the same.