

TBPA 2022 END OF SUMMER PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear TBPA Members and Guests:

Exciting News! TBPA's 2023 Annual Seminar date is set for Friday, April 21, 2023, at a new location: The Hilton Tampa Downtown! Our Seminar Committee is starting to work on the Seminar Theme, lining up Speakers and Topics. If you have any suggestions for speakers or topics, please reach out to the seminar committee now via Seminar@tbpa.org so they can add your comments to have another event focusing on what the local paralegal's would like to learn about at the seminar. If you would like to join the Seminar Committee, please let us know. We are also seeking Seminar Committee members - the more, the merrier!

It's hard to believe but we are 3 months away from our **Annual Membership Meeting** with the election of the 2023 Board of Directors. If you are interested in becoming more active with this Association, we welcome you to please consider joining the Board as Director or in an Officer position. It is with our members being active and engaged that this Association continues to be successful! Please reach out to me via president@tbpa.org with your interest.

Other Upcoming Events in 2022:

We are proud to announce that there have been 3 quarterly Pro Bono/Community Service events this year of the **Wills For Heroes** hosted by the Hillsborough County Bar Association. Many TBPA Members and Guests volunteer helping out either as a notary or witness for estate planning and medical directive documents for our Tampa First Responders (this includes the Tampa Police Department and Tampa Fire Department personnel). The next scheduled Wills For Heroes event will be held on Saturday, October 15th. We will be sending an event invite as the date is closer, so you may sign up as a volunteer. If you have any questions, please reach out to our Pro Bono Chair, Lance Cochran LaFleur by email at probono@tbpa.org.

Our **Certification Committee** is gearing up to offer a **Study Group for Certification** starting later this fall. The focus will be on studying for the NALA Certified Paralegal Examination. We are finalizing the speakers and video recordings with PowerPoints so this will be a quality review course. The fee for joining the Study Group is \$25 for TBPA Members and Students, and \$45 for Non-Members. If you are interested in this Study Group, please reach out to our Certification Chair via certification@tbpa.org. Also, there will be an event announcement released closer to the Study Group start date for you to register, so please be on the lookout for the email announcement to sign-up.

The **Monthly CLE Lunch & Learns** have continued to see attendance grow with each passing month. Please join us to learn something new, expand your legal knowledge base or reaffirm what you already know while networking with other paralegals/legal assistants in the area. The luncheons are held at the University Club of Tampa which provides the most tasteful entrees.

NFPA's Annual Convention will be held on September 15-18, 2022, in Cleveland, Ohio. Our President Elect (Frank Steinbeck) and myself will be attending the NFPA Annual Conference. This is a great opportunity for both Frank and I to network with other paralegals from across the country and exchange leadership experience and tips. This will assist us in leading TBPA as we continue to grow and offer more community and learning activities.

Other Announcements:

For our current TBPA Members, if you are seeking a new job opportunity, please check out our **Employment Opportunities** tab under the “Members Only” section on our website www.TBPA.org.

We **welcome all Guests to join TBPA** and enjoy the many benefits TBPA Membership offers. If you know of any fellow paralegals in the community or at your place of work who are not yet members of TBPA, please let them know about our legal association and ask them to please check out our Membership webpage for details. Any questions may be directed to our Membership Chair at membership@tbpa.org.

Please be sure to visit our website: www.TBPA.org! Don't forget to join/like the TBPA Facebook page and LinkedIn group page. Just click on the icons on our website and you will be linked to those social media pages.

If you have any suggestions, ideas for speakers, updates, or information on any subject that you feel might be of interest to other paralegals, please feel free to reach out to me at president@tbpa.org.

Sincerely,
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