

**Lafayette Paralegal Association
Seminars and Events
(Including Speakers and Topics)
Updated 2/22/2011**

February 22, 2011

Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers

January 25, 2011

***Medicare Set-Aside Arrangements in Workers' Compensation and Liability
Settlements: Welcome to Medicare's Three Ring Circus***
Christine M. Melancon, RN, CCM, MSCC, CMSP, EZ-MSA

December 7, 2010

Annual Christmas Luncheon and Acadiana Youth Community Service Project

November 16, 2010

De-Mystifying Computer Forensics
Dr. Johnette Hassell, Ph.D., Electronic Evidence Retrieval LLC

November 4, 2010

Autumn After Hours Social
Hosted by Hard Copy, Copy & Print Services

October 19, 2010

Workers Compensation Update 2010
Mark L. Riley, The Glenn Armentor Law Corp.

September 28, 2010

The Louisiana Supreme Court: So You Want a Little Help from Above?
J. Keith Gates, Attorney at Law

September 14, 2010

Paralegal Week Social

August 24, 2010

***Legal Aspects and Insurance Implications of Risk Allocation of Oil & Gas Service
Contracts***
Andre' Comeaux, CPCU, Regions Insurance

August 10, 2010

Third Circuit Judicial Candidates Forum

July 27, 2010

Construction Law
Emile Joseph, Jr., Attorney at Law

June 23, 2010

Mediation 101: A Primer in Alternate Dispute Resolution

E. Gregory Voorhies, Attorney at Law

May 18, 2010

IRS Tax Resolution Options and Obstacles

Cary B. Bryson, Attorney at Law

April 20, 2010

Accident Reconstruction

Richard Fox, Acadian Research and Reconstruction

March 23, 2010

Law Office Technology: "Creating Efficiency with Microsoft Outlook"

Craig A. Bayer, Legal Consultant, Law Office Technology, New Orleans

February 23, 2010

Annual Meeting & Election of Officers

January 26, 2010

"Your Attorney General's Office"

Mr. Owen Goudelocke, Office of the Attorney General

December 9, 2009

LPA Christmas Luncheon and Acadiana Youth Project

City Club of Lafayette

November 17, 2009

Ethics: What You Don't Know CAN Hurt You!

Mark L. Riley, Attorney at Law

October 27, 2009

A View from the Prosecutor's Side

Lafayette District Attorney Mike Harson

September 22, 2009

The Important Role of Paralegals in Social Security Claims

Nancy Goodwin, Paralegal

September 16, 2009

25th Anniversary Paralegal Week Social and Membership Drive

A' La Carte

August 25, 2009

Lafayette City Court: Filings of Small Claims, Civil Suits and Evictions

Dorita Comeaux, Clerk, Lafayette City Court

Wednesday, August 19, 2009 -5:30 p.m.

Lafayette City Marshall's Office and City Court Tour

Tuesday, July 28, 2009

The Mechanism of Injury in Low-Impact Car Crashes

Dr. David David J. Barczyk, Barczyk Chiropractic Group

June 23, 2009

Recent Developments in the Law regarding Notaries

Dan D. Schaneville, Attorney at Law

Tuesday, May 26, 2009

"Making Paralegal Work Easier With Free Internet Tools and Gadgets"

Kim Plonsky, Freelance Paralegal/Legal Software Consultant and trainer

Columnist and Software Reviewer for *Legal Assistant Today*

April 28, 2009

The Lafayette City Marshall's Office: Purpose, Objectives, and Jurisdiction

The Honorable Earl "Nicky" Picard, Marshall of the Lafayette City Court

March 31, 2009

Successions and Probate

Franchesca Hamelton-Acker, Attorney at Law

February 17, 2009

Annual Meeting and Elections of Officers

Robert Shemwell and Tony R. Moore

January 27, 2009

Wrongful Death Litigation and Grief Counseling

Presented by Heather Blanchard w/The Healing House and attorney Jean Ouellet

December 10, 2008

Christmas Luncheon and Acadiana Youth Project

City Club of Lafayette

November 18, 2008

Elder Law

Franchesca Hamelton-Acker, Attorney at Law

October 28, 2008

Contract Law

Bart J. Hebert, Attorney at Law

September 2008

Paralegal Week Social

A' La Carte

August 19, 2008

Workers Compensation Update
Mark L. Riley

July 29, 2008

Family Law Update and LVL Pro Se Divorce Clinics
Rebekah Huggins and Marianna Broussard

June 24, 2008

Bankruptcy Panel:
Keith Rodriguez -Chapter 13 Trustee
Paul Debaillon – Chapter 7 Trustee
Lupe Acosta, Paralegal

May 28, 2008

Initiating and Handling Plaintiffs Cases
Johnathan Mayeux, Attorney at Law, and Debbie Billiot, Paralegal

April 24, 2007 Appeals

Dawn Morris, Attorney at Law

March 22, 2007

“Immigration 101”: A Primer on Immigration Law
Joan Labbe Boudreaux, Attorney at Law

Feb 27, 2007

Annual Meeting, Elections, and Installation of Officers
Cathy Bacon, Deputy Clerk-In-Charge US District Court, Western District of Louisiana,
Lafayette Division

January 17, 2007

E-Discovery in 2007 and Beyond
James D. Bayard, Attorney at Law

November 15, 2006

Professionalism: Questions Facing the Future of the Paralegal Profession”
Angella B. Rayon, CLA

October 25, 2006

Discovery -Responding and Objecting to Difficult Discovery Requests
Jimmie W. Murvin CLAS, LCP

Sept 28, 2006

The Lafayette Parish Courthouse in the 21st Century
Michael D. Skinner, Attorney at Law

Aug 29, 2006

Representing the Profoundly Injured Client: A Comparison and Contrast of Two Case Studies

Glenn J. Armentor, Attorney at Law and Wayne Lemoine, Paralegal

Jul 25, 2006

Louisiana Succession & Forced Heirship Law

Blaise M. Sonnier, Attorney at Law

Jun 28, 2006

The ABC's of MRP's – A Basic Guide to the Medical Review Panel Process

Daniel C. Palmintier, Attorney at Law

May 25, 2006

Think you Need a High Profile Criminal Defense Lawyer? Think again!

James Kirk Piccione, Attorney at Law

Apr 27, 2006

Workers Compensation in Louisiana – A Practical Look

Mark L. Riley, Attorney at Law.

Mar 22, 2006

Mediation in Litigation

Joel E. Gooch, Attorney at Law.

Feb 21, 2006

Annual Meeting, Elections, and Installation of Officers

The Honorable Judge Don Aaron, retired

Jan 18, 2006

Investigating High Profile Cases

Maj. James Craft, Lafayette City Police

Nov 14, 2005

Forensic Investigation

Jeff Martin, President and CEO of DNA Services of America, Inc.

Oct 17, 2005

Presentation of Evidence in the Electronic Courtroom

Valerie Ferrante Gaar, Paralegal, founder and owner of Scan Solutions, Inc.

Aug 25, 2005

DNA Collection and Identification in Louisiana

Jeffrey A. Martin, President & CEO of DNA Testing Services of America

July 28, 2005

The Electronic Courthouse

Catherine B. Carter, Deputy Clerk-In-Charge US District Court, Western District of Louisiana, Lafayette Division

Jun 22, 2005

An Overview of Politics in Louisiana, including Workers Comp Laws

Robert K. Guillory, Attorney at Law

May 26, 2005

Grief Counseling in Legal Situations

Allison Breaux, GSW, Program Director for Healing House

Apr 28, 2005

Changes in the Louisiana Notary Requirements

Randall K. David, President of the Louisiana Notary Association

Mar 31, 2005

Paralegal Opportunities in Pro Bono Legal Services

April Bailey, Program Coordinator, Lafayette Volunteer Lawyers

Feb 15, 2005

Annual Meeting and Election and Installation of Officers

The Honorable Judge Frances Bouillon

Jan 25, 2005

Community Property

Diane Sorola, Attorney at Law

Nov 18, 2004

Tour of Bankruptcy Court

Bankruptcy Clerk, US District Court, Western District of Louisiana

Oct 20, 2004

Criminal Law and Procedure

William T. Bass, Esq., Assistant District Attorney, 15th Judicial District, Louisiana

Aug 25, 2004

Collaborative Law – The Logical Alternative

Elizabeth Dugal, Attorney at Law Certified Family Law Specialist

Jul 22, 2004

Organ Procurement

Libbie Harrison, Outreach Coordinator, Louisiana Organ Procurement Agency

Jun 24, 2004

Research with Lexis/Nexis Updated Databases

Michael P. Dorgan, Lexis/Nexis Representative

May 20, 2004

Offshore Litigation pursuant to LHWCA

John H. Hughes, Attorney at Law

Jan 29, 2004

Hospice – Love and Legal Issues

Michael Blanchard, Chief Development Officer, Hospice Foundation of Acadiana

Nov 18, 2003

Recent Changes in the Louisiana Notary Law

Cynthia Cotton, Notary Liaison, Louisiana Secretary of State

Randy David, President, Louisiana Notary Association

Oct 23, 2003

Noise and Alcohol Control

B. Tim Melancon, Manager of Alcohol and Noise Control Lafayette Consolidated Government

Aug 23, 2003

Electronic Case Filing in Federal Court

The Honorable Robert H. Shemwell, Esq. Clerk, US District Court, Western District of Louisiana

Catherine B. Carter, Deputy Clerk-In-Charge US District Court, Western District of Louisiana, Lafayette Division

Jul 24, 2003

The Art and Science of Negotiation

James E. Diaz, Sr., Attorney at Law

May 29, 2003

Medical Records Management and Interpretation

Alicia R. Hoover, Attorney at Law, and registered nurse

Apr 30, 2003

Intellectual Property

Jesse D. Lambert, Attorney at Law, Gregory P. Mier, Attorney at Law, and Joseph L.

Lemoine, Attorney at Law,

Mar 20, 2003

Merit Selection of Judges in Louisiana

James Kirk Piccione, Attorney at Law

Feb 26, 2003

Professionalism for Paralegals

Jimmie W. Murvin, CLAS, LCP

Jan 23, 2003

Paralegal Guide to Real Estate Closings
Mae E. Ewing, Paralegal

Nov 21, 2002

Retirement -It starts with a Plan --Qualified Plans and their ERISA Requirements
Mary Miller, CPA, QPA

Oct 24, 2002

Labor Law --A General Overview
Greg Moroux, Attorney at Law

Aug 29, 2002

Living Wills, Life Sustaining Wills, Powers of Attorney, and other Necessities Nicholas Gachassin III, Attorney at Law

July 24, 2002

Paralegal to Attorney . . . Exploring the Transition
Randall M. Guidry, Attorney at Law

June 26, 2002

Uniform Local Rules for Louisiana District Courts
Samuel E. Masur, Attorney at Law

May 29, 2002

Family Law -Hearing Officer Program
Paul Landry, Esq., Hearing Officer, 16th Judicial District Court, Louisiana

April 23, 2002

Core Concepts of the LA Workers Compensation Act
Eric J. Waltner, Attorney at Law

Mar 26, 2002

Geology for the Legal Profession
Denis C. Swords, Attorney at Law and Geologist

Feb 28, 2002

Annual Meeting & Elections
Presentation by Catherine B. Carter, Deputy Clerk-In-Charge US District Court, Western District of Louisiana, Lafayette Division

Jan 30, 2002

LPA and LPBA Working Together
Gary McGoffin, Lafayette Parish Bar Association President, and Susan Holiday

Nov 15, 2001

Lafayette Parish Courthouse . . . Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow
Louis J. Perret, Clerk of Court, Lafayette Parish

Oct 25, 2001

Terrorism : Preparing for the Unexpected

Representatives of The American Red Cross and The Office of Emergency Preparedness

Aug. 21, 2001

Civil Rights and Wrongs

Nora M. Stelly, Attorney at Law

July 24, 2001

UM Insurance Coverage Issues

William H. Goforth, Attorney at Law

June 27, 2001

Origins of the Louisiana Civil Code

Porteus R. Burke, Attorney at Law

May 22, 2001

City Court Procedure

The Honorable Frances M. Bouillion, Judge, Lafayette City Court

Apr 26, 2001

Workers Compensation Update

Mark A. Riley, Attorney at Law

Feb. 20, 2001

The Paralegal Profession

The Honorable Ronald A. Cox, Judge, 15th Judicial District Court

Dec. 14, 2000

Law in the Cajun Nation and The Devil in the Law

J. Minos Simon, Attorney at Law

Nov 16, 2000

Community Property Issues

Robert L. Cole, Attorney at Law

Oct 26, 2000

Current Docket of U.S. Supreme Court

Michael D. Hebert, Attorney at Law

Aug 23, 2000

Court Appointed Special Advocates

Donna Neuman, Executive Director, CASA of Acadiana

July 27, 2000

Preparing A Client For Deposition . . . Are you prepared to help?

Steven C. Lanza, Attorney at Law

June 29, 2000

Legal Research & Factual Discovery on the Internet
Mike Dorgan (Lexis)

May 23, 2000

Fundamentals of Louisiana Nursing Home Litigation
Thomas R. Juneau, Attorney at Law

Apr 19, 2000

Children Testifying in Civil and Criminal Cases
Kenneth R. Bouillion, Ph.D.

Mar 22, 2000

Alternate Dispute Resolution
Jennifer M. Kleinpeter, Attorney at Law

Feb 16, 2000

Annual Meeting at City Club
Harry Connick, Sr., District Attorney Orleans Parish, Louisiana

Jan 26, 2000

Chitimacha Indian Tribal Court Laws, Procedure, and Rules of Court
Cameron B. Simmons, Chief Judge, Chitimacha Indian Tribal Court Shirleen Fitzgerald,
Tribal Court Director

Nov 10, 1999

Juvenile Courts and Alternatives to Incarceration
Michelle Breaux, Assistant District Attorney, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana

Oct 27, 1999

Insurance Fraud -Fact or Fairy Tale?
Joel E. Gooch, Attorney at Law

Aug 19, 1999

Preparation and Trial Litigation in the New Federal Courthouse
Mr. Joseph R. Joy III, Attorney at Law, and Ms. Kathy Martin, Paralegal

July 22, 1999

Internet Strategies for the Paralegal
Kim McDaniel Plonsky, Paralegal

June 24, 1999

Medical Malpractice Checkup
William H. Parker, III, Attorney at Law

Apr 28, 1999

1999 Revisions to Louisiana's Succession Laws: A Legal Update
Lawrence L. Lewis, III, Attorney at Law

Apr 22, 1999

Federal Courthouse Tour and Electronic Courtroom Training

The Honorable Robert H. Shemwell, Esq. Clerk, US District Court, Western District of Louisiana

Mar 30, 1999

Ethics Responsibilities and Guidelines

Patrick J. Briney, Attorney at Law

Jan 28, 1999

Y2K Preparation and Possible Litigation

Graham N. Smith, Attorney at Law

Nov 19, 1998

Sexual Harassment --A Legal Update And Practical Review

Joel P. Babineaux, Attorney at Law

Oct 28, 1998

Interviewing, Investigation and Discovery Techniques

Jimmie Murvin, CLAS, LCP Author of Paralegal Guide to Automobile Accident Cases

Aug 28, 1998

The Criminal System

The Honorable Michael Harson, District Attorney, Lafayette Parish

Jul 29, 1998

Labor Law from the Plaintiff's Point of View

Michael D. Hebert, Attorney at Law

May 27, 1998

Bankruptcy

Elizabeth G. Andrus, Attorney at Law

Apr 29, 1998

Handling Domestic Abuse Cases

Tom Staff, Executive Director of the Domestic Abuse Intervention Project Diane Conery, Paralegal, Office of Lafayette City Prosecutor

Jan 29, 1998

Medicine in the Courtroom and Law Office

Charlene Reynolds, LPN

Oct 28, 1997

Practice in Federal Court

The Honorable Robert H. Shemwell, Esq. Clerk, US District Court, Western District of Louisiana

Jul 30, 1997

Intellectual Property

Jesse D. Lambert, Attorney at Law

Jun 10, 1997

Alternative Dispute Resolution

David S. Cook, Attorney at Law

Apr 23, 1997

Behind the Veil of the Court of Appeals

The Honorable Jerome E. Domegeaux, Judge, La. Third Circuit Court of Appeal, Retired

Mar, 1997

Paralegals and the Domestic Law Section of Lafayette Volunteer Lawyers

Susan Theall, Attorney at Law

Nov 19, 1996

How to Proceed in Federal Court

Randall K. Theunissen, Attorney at Law

Oct 24, 1996

Accident Reconstruction

Davey Bernard, Ph.D.

Jul 24, 1996

Jurisdiction and Procedure in Lafayette City Court

The Honorable Earl "Nicky" Picard, Marshall of the Lafayette City Court

Jun 25, 1996

Family Law in Louisiana

Paula Woodruff, Attorney at Law

May, 1996

The Indigent Defender's Office

Susan Theall, Attorney at Law

Mar 31, 1996

The Paralegal's Role in Case Preparation for Litigation in City Court

The Honorable Douglas J. Saloom, Judge of the Lafayette City Court

Jan 29, 1996

Family Law

Cynthia LeBourgeois, Attorney at Law

Oct 30, 1995

Personal Injury Litigation

David Benoit, Attorney at Law

Jun 26, 1995

Preventative Medicine

Charles Atwood, M.D.

May 22, 1995

AIDS Discrimination Law

Jean Hill, Attorney at Law

Apr 24, 1995

Sexual Harrassment

James Kirk Piccione, Attorney at Law

Jan 30, 1995

Environmental Litigation

Charles Hutchins, Attorney at Law

Nov, 1994

Wills and Successions

Arthur D. Mouton, Attorney at Law

Nov 28, 1994

Medical Records Production and Use

Daniel M. Landry, III, Attorney at Law

Oct 24, 1994

Pro-Bono Work for the Paralegal

John Swift, Attorney at Law, President of the Lafayette Parish Bar Association

Aug 29, 1994

Accident Investigation

Robert E. Borison, Investigator

May, 1994

Criminal Law – Practices and Procedures in the District Attorney's Office

Michael Harson, Esq.

Apr 25, 1994

Responsibilities and Obligations in the US Attorney's Office

Michael Skinner, Esq., US Attorney

Mar 28, 1994

Cancer Prevention

Steven Oats, Attorney at Law

Feb, 1994

Fitness

Red Lerille

Nov, 1993

The CLA Examination
Jimmie Murvin, CLA

Aug, 1993

Time Management
Stacey Knight

Jul 26, 1993

Automation in Law Office Document Management
Samson Sumwalt with Entre' Computers

May 24, 1993

Sexual Harrassment and Discrimination
Katherine Hurst, Attorney at Law

Apr 26, 993

Ethics
Daniel M. Landry, III, Attorney at Law

Jul 29, 1992

Tour of the Lafayette Parish Clerk of Court's Office
Patricia Landry

May 18, 1992

The CLA Examination
Jessie Cormier, CLA

Oct 28, 1991

Effective Utilization of a Paralegal
James E. Diaz, Sr., Attorney at Law

Aug 26, 1991

Living Wills
Lawrence L. Lewis, III, Attorney at Law

Apr 29, 1991

The Trial Notebook
Craig Marks, Attorney at Law

Jan 28, 1991

Environmental Law
Robert Boese, Attorney at Law

Oct 29, 1990

Certification v. Licensing – Certification and the CLA Examination
Jimmie Murvin, CLA

Jul 30, 1990

The Trial Tactic Workroom

Charles Brandt, Attorney at Law

Apr 30, 1990

Criminal Procedure and Procedure in the District Attorney's Office

Daniel M. Landry, III, Attorney at Law

Oct 30, 1989

Managing Stress in the Law Office

Kenneth Benedick, Certified Licensed Counselor

May 15, 1989

Paralegal Utilization and the Future Role of the Paralegal

Helen Babin, Attorney at Law

Apr 24, 1989

Fiscal Reform

Carol Ross

Oct 13, 1988

Vocational Rehabilitation

Glenn M. Hebert, Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist

Aug 18, 1988

The Paralegal Program

Peggy Baillargeon, USL Paralegal Studies

Apr 20, 1988

Administrative Law

Ricky Minnice, Instructor of Paralegal Studies, USL

Mar 09, 1988

Chamber of Commerce

Joseph Giglio, Attorney at Law

Jan 20, 1988

Maritime Law

Randall K. Theunissen, Attorney at Law

Sep 23, 1987

Family Law and Divorce

Diane "Dee" Simon, Attorney at Law

Aug 19, 1987

Juries and Jury Trials

Gary Steckler, Attorney at Law

May 20, 1987

Time Management Principles

Biff Pettengil, Ph.D.

Aug 12, 1986

Rules, Forms, and Procedures in Federal Court

George Robinson, Attorney at Law

Jun 10, 1986

The Paralegal's Relationship with the Attorney and Secretary

Rebecca Doherty, Attorney at Law

Nov 12, 1985

The Office of the Louisiana Secretary of State

The Honorable James Brown, Louisiana Secretary of State

Sep 10, 1985

Recent Legislation and Improving the Louisiana Education System

The Honorable Kathleen Blanco, State Representative

Jan 10, 1985

Stress Management

Lynn Aurich, Ph.D.

May 23, 1984

The Importance of Statements

Jim Cotini with Land and Marine Investigators

Feb 02, 1984

The Role of the Paralegal in the Law Office

James Roy, Attorney at Law