



# ***SMPA TODAY***

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## **MEETING REMINDER**

*(Free Lunch!)*

The next meeting of the Smoky Mountain Paralegal Association will be on Thursday, September 13, 2007 in the **Main Conference Room of the U.S. Attorney's Office**. We will have a short introduction of attendees just a few minutes before noon. The CLE portion of the meeting will be from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. The speaker, Linda Mowles, Esq., of Lewis King Krieg & Waldrop will present *Copyright Law*.

The U.S. Attorney's Office is located in the West corner (Main Street entrance) of the Howard Baker U.S. Federal Courthouse (which is across from the City-County Building).

Our meeting will be held on the 2nd floor in the Main Conference Room. When entering the building, you will first go through security. Then, inform the Federal Officers that you are going to the SMPA meeting in the Main Conference Room, so that the officer can enter the correct security code for the elevator (the elevator does not stop on the 2nd floor without the correct code). As usual, as you enter the area there will be a table set up to sign-in and get your nametag.

Our meeting will be catered by Courthouse Café. We will have a buffet set up outside our meeting room that will include a meat, two vegetables, bread, a dessert, and drink. **SMPA Sustaining Member, Document Solutions, Inc., has graciously offered to pay for all lunches for this meeting.** Jeff Stoneking of Document Solutions, Inc. will be attending the meeting to promote DSI and get to know our members.

We will need to give a firm count of attendees to Courthouse Café on Monday before our meeting. Therefore, if everyone attending the meeting could please respond to [president@smparalegal.org](mailto:president@smparalegal.org) by 12:00 noon on Monday, September 10, 2007, and let me know that you will be attending and whether or not you will be eating, it would be greatly appreciated.

I look forward to seeing you all there!



# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **SALARY SURVEY**

Attached to this newsletter, you will find another copy of the Smoky Mountain Paralegal Association 2007 Salary Survey. I have only received approximately 20 surveys at this time. For anyone who has not completed the survey and mailed it in, please do so now. Remember that the survey is completely confidential and anonymous.

I ask that each member print the attached Salary Survey and complete. For each question, check all boxes that apply. DO NOT include your name on the survey. Mail the completed survey to:

Smoky Mountain Paralegal Association  
Attention: Salary Survey  
Post Office Box 445  
Knoxville, Tennessee 37901

Please mail so that the completed survey will be received before October 31, 2007. Thank you all for your participation!

## **OCTOBER REBROADCAST**

This is just a reminder that, due to a conflict with the U.S. Attorney's Office calendar, we will not be able to hold a monthly meeting there in October. In lieu of having an October monthly meeting, we will have a one-hour Ethics presentation available on our website via rebroadcast during the month of October, just as a normal meeting would be available for viewing. Any member who is in need of the Ethics CLE can log on at any time during the month of October to receive their credit. As you all know, NALA changed their requirements so that any CLA/CP/ACP that received their designation or renewed their designation after January 2006 is now required to have 5.0 units of CLE in Ethics to maintain their designation. Any CLA/CP/ACP that received their designation prior to January 2006 will be required to have 5.0 units of CLE in Ethics starting at their next renewal period.



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## **SMPA SCHOLARSHIP**

Attention student members!! It's scholarship time again!! SMPA Scholarship applications are now available. The GREAT news is that we are offering TWO scholarships this year. The first is our annual base SMPA scholarship in the amount of \$500.00. The second is a \$600.00 scholarship being sponsored by our Sustaining Member, Corporate Legal Copy Service. The same application should be used for both scholarships. The scholarship application can be found online at [www.smparalegal.org](http://www.smparalegal.org) or in the last edition of *The Liaison*. Eligible candidates for the scholarships are all SMPA student members or any full-time student in a paralegal program at a SMPA Sustaining Member school (Pellissippi State Technical Community College, South College, Walters State Community College, University of Tennessee paralegal program).

Due to some of our Sustaining Member schools beginning their Fall terms in mid- to late-September, the SMPA Executive Committee has voted to extend the scholarship application deadline to November 1<sup>st</sup>! Keep in mind, incomplete applications will not be eligible for consideration. All applications with complete supporting documentation must be postmarked on or before November 1, 2007, and mailed to:

Smoky Mountain Paralegal Association  
Attention: Scholarship Committee  
Post Office Box 445  
Knoxville, Tennessee 37901

Sincerely,

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