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Paralegal PERSPECTIVES

NYS Paralegal Education and Leadership Conference a success

On Sept. 6, members of the Paralegal Association of Rochester, Inc. (PAR) were invited by D4 to attend a networking event at their offices on Andrews Street in Rochester. The event was well-attended and members enjoyed connecting with new faces and learning more about D4 and its eDiscovery and managed services solutions. PAR thanks D4 for their hospitality and comradery.

PAR is one of four paralegal associations and one Bar Association Committee in New York State that are members of the Empire State Alliance of Paralegal Association, Inc. (ESAPA). On Sept. 15-16, we held the 2017 New York State Paralegal Education and Leadership Conference at the Marriott Downtown Syracuse. Our attendees had the opportunity to meet with paralegals across New York State, get to know vendors and sponsors and the services they offer, plus attend continuing education sessions on topics such as Ethics, Take and perfect Appeals, Modern eDiscovery, Healthcare and Elder Law, Scientific Understanding of the Mild TBI Case in Litigation, Social Security Law, Service of Process and E-mail Etiquette: Dialogue in the Digital Age. By all accounts, the conference was a huge success. If you would like additional information, please visit the ESAPA



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website at empirestateparalegals.org.

This year PAR will be holding our Kick-off Dinner and 13th Annual Auction at Brook Lea Country Club on Oct. 18. It is a great event to support PAR, network and enjoy delicious food and drinks. Again this year there are amazing items up for grabs including, but not limited to gift certificates to Massage

Envy, Cheesecake Factory, Darien Lake, Black Button Distillery and many more! Raffle tickets can be purchased at the event to give our members and guests a chance to win. Dinner is \$40 and includes three wonderful entrée options. Please visit our website to register for the event. We hope to see you there.

PAR joined as a member of the National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. as its 30th member in 1981. PAR will be sending Primary Representative Deborah Mabry and acting Secondary Representative Bobbi Ahearn to the 2017 Convention in New Orleans (Oct. 12-15) so that they can be rep-

resent PAR and conduct the business that comes before the members of NFPA. The convention is held each year and this year it is hosted by New Orleans Paralegal Association (NOPA).

PAR is the proud host of the upcoming 2019 Convention, which will be held at the Hyatt Regency Rochester on Oct. 10-13, 2019. We encourage our members to be informed about the matters on the agenda and welcome their feedback or questions. Please go to the NFPA website at www.paralegals.org for additional information or contact Deborah Mabry at dmabry@nixonpeabody.com.

Lastly, PAR hosted a fun event Sept. 22 at Shadow Lake Golf Club—par for PAR—with the proceeds benefiting the Ed Orlando Fund of Legal Aid Society of Rochester. More information on this will be in our next article, and we certainly encourage you to see what else PAR is up to at our website www.rochester-paralegal.org.

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