

2018 DISTINGUISHED PARALEGAL OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Paralegal Division of the Utah State Bar (“Paralegal Division”) and Utah Paralegal Association (“UPA”) are proud to sponsor Utah’s Distinguished Paralegal of the Year Award. This award will be presented at the Paralegal Day Luncheon on May 17, 2018, in Salt Lake City, to a Utah paralegal who, over a long and distinguished career, has by their ethical and personal conduct, commitment and activities, exemplified for their fellow paralegals and the attorneys with whom they work, the epitome of professionalism; who has also rendered extraordinary contributions that coincide with the purposes of the Paralegal Division and/or the purposes of UPA as set forth in the Bylaws of each organization as follows:

BY-LAWS OF THE PARALEGAL DIVISION OF THE UTAH STATE BAR ARTICLE II PURPOSES OF THE PARALEGAL DIVISION

- A. To enhance the legal profession by facilitating communication between the paralegal community and the Bar.
- B. To serve the legal profession through education of the Bar concerning the effective utilization of paralegals.
- C. To foster and promote professional competence and excellence throughout the paralegal profession.
- D. To provide mutual support, encouragement and establish good fellowship among the members of the paralegal profession and the legal community.
- E. To further promote the purposes and objectives of the Division, the Board and Committees shall encourage the active participation of its Members in paralegal organizations, and work to achieve harmony with such organizations.
- F. To assist the Bar in the protection of the public from unqualified persons engaging in the unauthorized practice of law.
- G. To increase the availability of low-cost legal services through the increased utilization of paralegals by the Bar.
- H. To assist the Bar in improving the quality and efficiency of the delivery of legal services and the practice of law.

BYLAWS OF UPA ARTICLE II OBJECTIVES & PURPOSES

- A. To inform the legal community and the general public of the functions and capabilities of paralegals;
- B. To provide further education for paralegals;
- C. To establish standards of professional and ethical conduct and encourage a high order of ethical and professional attainment;
- D. To provide mutual support and encouragement among the members of the paralegal profession and establish good fellowship among Association members, NALA and members of the legal community;
- E. To aid in the advancement of employment opportunities for paralegals;
- F. To cooperate with the Utah State Bar and other legal associations; and
- G. To support and carry out the programs, purposes, aims and goals of NALA.

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NOMINATION FORM

Nominee:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Nomination made by:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Submit with this form along with a statement describing the nominee's legal experience and training, public service and organization involvement, and why you feel the nominee should be considered for this award.

Nominations will be accepted from paralegals and attorneys. Please note that no self-nominations will be accepted. Nominations are submitted to the Nomination Selection Committee consisting of two attorneys, one judge, a representative of the Paralegal Division, and a representative of UPA.

NOMINATIONS ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE April 23, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

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