



Message from the Paralegal Division

by Greg Wayment

I would like to introduce the 2016–2017 Board of Directors of the Paralegal Division. We are pleased to announce the chair for the upcoming year is Julie Emery. We have three new members joining the Board of Directors and wish to extend a warm welcome to Candace Gleed, Carma Harper, and Laura Summers. Also, Cheryl Jeffs and I will serve another two-year term. We also wish to thank Tamara Green, Diane McDermaid, and Paula Christensen for their service. This year's Board of Directors are:

Chair – Julie Emery. Julie has twenty-six years legal experience focused on complex litigation, trial practice, electronic discovery, and document management. After working as a paralegal for approximately ten years, she started and managed a litigation support company providing paralegal and litigation support, mock trials, and trial support. Julie is now with the law firm Parsons Behle & Latimer. Julie is a past adjunct instructor for the paralegal programs at Salt Lake Community College and Westminster College. She has served as a director on the Boards of Legal Assistants Association of Utah, Center for Family Development, PTSA Legacy Council, Community Council, and Eagle Aquatic Team. Julie is an avid supporter of the Road Home in Salt Lake City; however, her greatest passion is spending time with her family.

Chair-Elect – Lorraine Wardle. Lorraine has been in the legal field for more than twenty-five years. She is a paralegal at the firm of Trystan Smith & Associates, Claims Litigation Counsel for State Farm Insurance, and is involved in litigation defending personal injury claims against State Farm insureds. Prior to joining State Farm's CLC more than fifteen years ago, Lorraine worked at several highly esteemed insurance defense firms in Utah. She has been involved with the boards of both paralegal associations in Utah for many years. Lorraine lives in West Jordan with her husband and two golden retrievers and spends any spare time she has with her grandchildren, as well as camping, biking, and gardening.

Region I Director – Alaina Neumeyer. Alaina is a paralegal at Farr, Rasmussen, & Farr. She has been with FRF since December 2013. Alaina currently runs the personal injury & mass tort divisions for the firm. Alaina has over fifteen years of personal injury experience. She works in all types of personal injury and products liability cases, including wrongful death; all types of accident cases; mass torts; and many more. Alaina specializes in unique insurance claims. She graduated from Stevens Henager College with her

Legal Secretarial Degree with High Honors, and she has her ALS certification from the National Association of Legal Secretaries. Her greatest accomplishment has to be her fifteen-year marriage to her husband and raising her four amazing children.

Region II Director – Karen McCall, ACP. Karen has been in the legal field for fifteen years and recently achieved her CP and ACP designations from NALA. She has a B.A. in Communications and earned her Paralegal Certificate from Fullerton College in California before relocating to Utah. She is employed as a paralegal with Strong & Hanni in Salt Lake City, where her work centers on insurance defense, personal injury, and construction law. Karen has been married for twenty-two years and has two children. She enjoys music, hiking, and exploring new places.

Region III Director – Christina Cope. Chris is a civil litigation paralegal with thirteen years of experience in state and federal civil litigation with experience in appellate, business, and criminal law and estate planning. She recently joined Eisenberg Gilchrist & Cutt, a premier plaintiffs' personal injury and whistleblower firm specializing in highly complex, high stakes injury cases. Chris is an adjunct instructor for the UVU Paralegal Studies program and previously owned her own contract paralegal company, Cope Litigation Support. She is the business manager for her husband's company, Ascent IRT, Inc., providing foster/proctor care and outpatient rehabilitative services for youth in DJJS custody. Chris has a degree in Paralegal Studies from UVU. Most recently, she presented on a panel at the USB Summer Convention in San Diego and was Chair of the Paralegal Division's twentieth Anniversary Celebration. When she is not river rafting or adventuring with her family, Chris enjoys volunteering. Her volunteer service includes restoration projects for the historic WWII Wendover Airfield.

Region IV Director – Kari Jimenez. Kari received her Professional Paralegal Certificate from the University of Phoenix and has over twenty-three years of experience as a Litigation Paralegal. She has a broad spectrum of experience, which includes criminal defense, criminal prosecution, civil litigation, insurance defense, medical malpractice, products liability, mortgage servicing and lending, and In-House Corporate. She obtained her Real Estate license in 2005 and is currently the City Recorder and Paralegal for Ivins City. She received her Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) and Master Municipal Clerk (MMC) designations from the University of Utah and International

Institute of Municipal Clerks. Kari served two terms as the Southern Region Director for the UPA and is currently serving as the Region IV Director for the Utah State Bar Paralegal Division.

Ex-Officio – Heather Allen. Heather is a paralegal and privacy officer at 1-800 CONTACTS, Inc. and had been there since November 2012. She previously was a paralegal at Ray Quinney & Nebeker (RQN) working with wonderful attorneys in the product liability group. She had the opportunity to work on large class action lawsuits in Florida, plaintiff personal injury, and corporate defense product liability cases. She has also been a paralegal at Snell & Wilmer in asbestos litigation and other product liability litigation. Heather has also been an adjunct professor at Utah Valley University (when it was Utah Valley State College), teaching computerized legal research. She graduated from Utah Valley University with a Bachelor's Degree in Paralegal Studies and a minor in Psychology. She enjoys reading and spending time with her family.

Director at Large and Parliamentarian – Sharon M. Andersen. Sharon graduated from the Legal Assistant/Paralegal Program at Westminster College in 1990. She has been employed as a paralegal since that time, working for several well-known local corporations and firms that were engaged in diverse areas of the law. She joined the Paralegal Division in 2004 and has served on the Paralegal Division board in several capacities since 2005, including serving as chair of the Division and Ex Officio member of the Bar Commission during 2007–2008. For the last almost four years, Sharon has worked as a civil litigation paralegal, primarily with David Cutt at Eisenberg Gilchrist & Cutt, a premier plaintiffs' personal injury and whistleblower law firm, specializing in highly complex, high-stakes injury cases. Sharon currently serves on the UPL Committee of the Utah State Bar. She has six adult children and five grandchildren, all of whom she views as her greatest accomplishment and joy in life.

Director at Large and Finance Officer – Julie Eriksson. Julie has been a paralegal for twenty-four years and an active participant in the Paralegal Division since its inception. She currently serves on the Board of Directors as a Director at Large and as the current Finance Officer. She is Past Chair of the Paralegal Division Chair 2008–2009 and also served as CLE Chair of the Paralegal Division from 2007–2008. Also a member of the Utah Paralegal Association and served that association in many capacities including several years as its President. She has been employed at the law firm of Christensen & Jensen, P.C. for sixteen years where she works in civil litigation.

Director at Large – Candace A. Gleed. Candace has been a paralegal for twenty-two years working in criminal, employment, administrative, and insurance defense law. She currently works as a litigation paralegal at the firm of Eisenberg, Gilchrist & Cutt (EGC) primarily on plaintiff's personal injury and medical malpractice cases. Prior to joining EGC, Candace worked with American Family Insurance In-House counsel, Utah Attorney General's Office, Salt

Lake County District Attorney's Office, and West Valley City. She is a current member of NALA. Candace is a mother of four beautiful children (her proudest accomplishment), two grandchildren and a pit bull named Bruce. She enjoys doing volunteer work for the disabled and youth sports organizations.

Director at Large – Carma J. Harper, CP. Carma is a paralegal at Strong and Hanni. Her team specializes in insurance defense, personal injury, construction law, real estate law, and products liability. She has been an active member of the Paralegal Division since 2005. During that time, she has served as Community Service chair, YLD Liaison, Director at Large, Region I Director, Membership committee Chair, Chair Elect, and Chair while also serving as an Ex-officio Commissioner on the Utah State Bar Commission. Carma has received several awards over the years for her excellent service including the Community Service Award, awarded by the Utah State Bar in 2011, and The Mark J. Morrise & Deacon Haymond, Wills for Heroes Volunteer Service Award, awarded by the Young Lawyers Division in 2012. Carma currently serves on the Modest Means Committee, creating affordable legal services for families based on their income levels.

Director at Large – Cheryl Jeffs. Cheryl is a paralegal at Stoel Rives, where she works in the areas of litigation. Cheryl has been a paralegal for twenty-three years, having received her Paralegal Certificate from Wasatch Career Institute in 1990. She earned her CP designation from NALA in September 2005. She is the past CLE Chair of Paralegal Division 2013–2015. Cheryl has held other positions in the Paralegal Division, including UMBA liaison, and Membership Task Force.

Director at Large – Laura Summers. Laura is a paralegal at the firm of Dolowitz Hunnicutt, PLLC. Since 1991, she has worked as a paralegal in firms specializing in legal defense and corporate law, but her expertise and passion is in the field of family law. She graduated from Utah State University in 2015 where she earned a Bachelor's of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies. Laura graduated from the University of Utah Conflict Resolution Graduate Program 2016 and now joins the list of Utah State Court-Qualified Mediators. Laura is also a member of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Division of the Utah State Bar.

Director at Large – Greg Wayment. Greg has over twelve years of paralegal experience and has been at the firm of Magleby Cataxinos & Greenwood (MCG) for most of that time. MCG is a boutique litigation firm in Salt Lake City, specializing in trademark infringement and complex business disputes. He has been a member of the Paralegal Division, served on the board of directors, and currently serves as the Paralegal Division liaison to the *Utah Bar Journal*. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Professional Sales from Weber State University and then continued on to obtain a certificate in paralegal studies from an A.B.A. approved program at the Denver Career College. Greg enjoys reading autobiographies, running, and being a special events volunteer at Red Butte Garden.