



Message from the Paralegal Division

by Greg Wayment

I would like to introduce the 2017–2018 Board of Directors of the Paralegal Division. We are pleased to announce the chair for the upcoming year is Lorraine Wardle. We have eight new members joining the Board of Directors and wish to extend a warm welcome to them. We also wish to thank outgoing Board members Heather Allen, Sharon Andersen, Christina Cope, Julie Eriksson, Kari Jimenez, Karen McCall, and Alaina Neumeyer. This year's Board of Directors are:

Chair: Lorraine Wardle 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. Prior to joining State Farm's CLC, 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.

Chair-Elect: Candace A. Gleed is a litigation paralegal at the firm of Eisenberg, Gilchrist & Cutt working primarily on plaintiff's personal injury and medical malpractice cases. Prior to joining EGC, Candace worked with American Family Insurance, Utah Attorney General's Office, Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office and for West Valley City. While working at the Utah AG's office, Candace had the opportunity to work with the legislature and the league of cities and towns. She is also a current member of NALA. Candace lives in West Valley, is a mother of four beautiful children, two grandchildren and a pit bull named Bruce. She enjoys doing volunteer work for the disabled and youth sports organizations.

Region II Director: Shaleese McPhee is a paralegal at the Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office on the Major Crimes Unit, she's been with the office since April of 2015. Shaleese completed her Bachelor of Science in Paralegal Studies from Utah Valley University in 2011. Since that time she has worked as a paralegal in the following areas: criminal law, family law, and probate law. Shaleese served in the Utah Army National Guard from 2011 to 2017. Shaleese loves her life and the daily

adventures that it brings. Keep it interesting and keep it true.

Region III Director: Stefanie Ray graduated from Utah Valley University in 1994 and has nearly twenty-three years legal experience. Stefanie is the Senior Paralegal at d TERRA International, LLC. She manages their trademarks in over thirty-six countries as well as provides litigation support, contract management, and processing garnishments and liens. Prior to working at d TERRA, Stefanie was a personal injury paralegal for Abbott & Walker in Provo, Utah for over fourteen years. She is the mother of three children and enjoys the rural life in Santaquin, Utah.

Region IV Director: Deborah Caley, CP works in the St. George office of Durham Jones & Pinegar. Deb has taken an active role in her community, and in the paralegal profession over the course of her thirty-five year career. She prepared curriculum and provided instruction for paralegal programs for Dixie State College and the Utah Chapter of the American Paralegal Association. In 1996 Deb was a charter member of the Paralegal Division of the Utah State Bar, and has maintained an active role in the Division since its inception. Deb served as Chair of the Paralegal Division during 2001 and in 2008 was honored by Utah's legal community by being selected as the Utah's Distinguished Paralegal of the Year.

Region V Director: Terri Hines began working in the legal field as a prosecutorial assistant in 2001 for the Moab City Prosecutor and in 2003 began working for the Grand County Attorney's Office. In 2005 she became the office manager and still holds this position. Terri became a Paralegal in 2012 and works on felony criminal cases, juvenile, and drug court cases. Terri also participates with the Grand County CJC MDT. Terri enjoys spending time on the LaSal Mountains, travel and reading. She has been married to her husband Art for thirty years and has three children that provide the best enjoyment to her life.

Ex-Officio: Julie Emery has twenty-seven 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. 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. Her greatest passion is spending time with her family.

Director at Large: Paula Christensen, CP has worked in the legal field for over thirty-seven years, and has been a litigation paralegal at Christensen & Jensen since 2001. She received her Associate Degree from BYU Idaho and attained her Certified Paralegal designation from NALA in 2010. She currently works in the areas of plaintiffs' personal injury, commercial and business defense litigation, and real estate. Paula was honored to be named as Utah Paralegal of the Year in 2013. Paula often volunteers for Wills for Heroes and Serving our Seniors. Paula enjoys hiking, reading, and spending time with her family. She is the mother of four children and six grandchildren.

Director at Large: J. Robyn Dotterer, CP has worked as a paralegal for over twenty-five years and has been with Strong & Hanni for eighteen years. She works primarily in the areas of insurance defense in personal injury, insurance bad faith, and legal malpractice. Robyn achieved her CP in 1994 and is a Past President of UPA. She has served on the Paralegal Division Board in several different capacities, was co-chair of the Community Service Committee and YLD Liaison for several years. Robyn was honored as Paralegal of the Year in 2014. Robyn has been married to her husband Duane for forty-three years and lives in Sandy, Utah.

Director at Large: Cheryl Jeffs is a paralegal at Stael Rives, where she works in the areas of litigation. Cheryl has been a paralegal for twenty-four 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: Cheryl Miller received her paralegal certificate in 1992. From 1992–2000 she worked as a paralegal underwriter for attorney's errors and omissions insurance. In 2000, she began underwriting medical malpractice and excess insurance for large hospital systems across the United States. Cheryl joined the law firm of Eisenberg Gilchrist and Cutt in 2012. Cheryl is still currently at EGC working as a litigation paralegal on plaintiff's personal injury cases. She lives in Holladay with her yellow lab Eli and enjoys gardening and entertaining.

Director at Large: Erin Stauffer is a paralegal with the law firm of Snell & Wilmer, and has a B.S. in Paralegal Studies and a M.A. in Adult Education and Training. Erin began working in the legal field in 1989 and her career has covered a broad spectrum of legal practices, including contract disputes, corporate governance, personal injury, product liability, bankruptcy/adversary proceedings and intellectual property litigation. Erin is a member of NALA earning her CP in 2004 and has since earned additional advanced certifications. She serves on the Community Involvement Committee at Snell & Wilmer and belongs to the National Paralegal Honor Society of Lambda Epsilon Chi.

Director at Large – Sarah Stronk. As a paralegal at Dorsey & Whitney, Sarah supports attorneys in the Corporate, Mergers & Acquisitions, and Capital Markets groups with private and public business and financing transactions. She also has experience with corporate governance and compliance matters. Sarah was on the Dean's list at Salt Lake Community College, where she earned her Paralegal Studies degree. She also earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from the University of Utah. She is currently Co-Chair of the Paralegal Division of the Utah State Bar CLE Committee, and serves first responders in collaboration with the Wills for Heroes Foundation. Sarah first began working as a paralegal in 2009 and is a strong advocate for the profession.

Director at Large: Laura Summers is a paralegal at the firm of Dolowitz Hunnicutt. Laura began her legal career over twenty years ago and has worked for several firms specializing in insurance defense, civil rights, and corporate law. However, her primary paralegal experience is in the field of family law. She earned a B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies from Utah State in 2015. Laura is a certified mediator with an additional certification in divorce mediation. Laura serves as the Paralegal Division liaison to the YLD of the Utah State Bar. Laura currently serves as the Community Service Chair for the Paralegal Division.

Director at Large: Greg Wayment has over thirteen years of paralegal experience and has been at the firm of Magleby Cataxinos & Greenwood for most of that time. He works primarily in the areas of intellectual property, patent prosecution, and litigation. 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 a certificate in paralegal studies from an A.B.A. approved program at the Denver Career College. Greg enjoys reading biographies, running, and being a special events volunteer at Red Butte Garden.