



The Mississippi Paralegal Association ("MPA") was founded in 1980 by paralegals in Mississippi who wished to encourage a higher order of ethical and professional attainment. The main purpose of MPA is to promote the profession of paralegals statewide. MPA supports, encourages, and maintains high standards for the service, conduct, and ethics of paralegals.



## Save the Date

### January 15, 2021

Meet the 2021 MPA Board  
At Office Evolution in Flowood, MS  
(5:30 – 7:30)

### January 28, 2021

Regular Jackson CLE Lunch  
At The Capital Club in Jackson, MS  
(12:00 p.m.)

### February 25, 2021

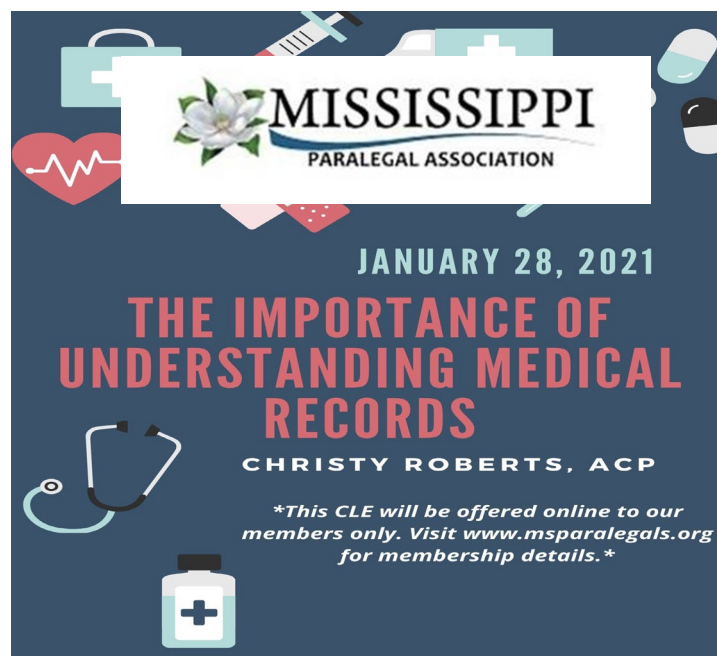
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## stewpot community services

Stewpot Community Services is asking for monetary donations to help provide warmth to those in need during these cold winter months. \$15 provides one night of shelter for one person, \$45 for a family of 3. \$90 provides 6 nights of shelter for a family of 3. Join the fight to end homelessness. Together we can make a difference!

For more information, please call 601-974-3359 or visit [www.stewpot.net](http://www.stewpot.net). You may also email them at [stewpot@stewpot.org](mailto:stewpot@stewpot.org)

## Charity and Pro Bono Opportunities

The Mississippi Paralegal Association has served lunch to the homeless at Stewpot Community Services for over twenty years. We also serve the Jackson Homeless Women's Outreach Project with donations for personal-care item bags for Stewpot and other local domestic shelters.



[Stewpot Community Services](http://www.stewpot.net)



[Jxn MS Homeless Women's Outreach Project](#)

## MPA COMMITTEES

In 2021, becoming an MPA Committee Member is a great way to be involved if your job or life is just too busy to serve on the board.

Chair-persons needed:  
Social Media

Members needed:  
Social Media



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PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION

**THANK YOU MPA  
MEMBERS FOR A  
GREAT 2020! LET'S  
MAKE 2021 EVEN  
BETTER!**

Work and Play with MPA!

## CLE & Legal Updates

MPA's Members Only YouTube Library is open to all Members. Active Members may request CLE credit through IT Committee Co-Chairperson, Bridget Breithaupt at ([bridget4910@att.net](mailto:bridget4910@att.net)).



[The disappearance of Jury Trials](#)



[Can work from home employees write off home office space?](#)



[Federal Appellate Courts provide guidance on removal to Federal Court](#)

## Sustaining Member Spotlight

Office Evolution Flowood -Jackson opened May 18, 2020. They offer private offices, coworking spaces, conference rooms, and a professional business address for entrepreneurs around the country.

Office Evolution graciously allows us to use office space and has been a fantastic meeting place for MPA. The Flowood- Jackson office is located just a three-minute walk to the Refuge Conference Center and Resort.

For more information, call or message Angela Osbon at 601-540-7447 or by emailing [flowood.ms@officeevolution.com](mailto:flowood.ms@officeevolution.com)



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### **2021 Board Members**

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**Central Region Director - Vince Farrell**

## *From the Board*

*Jessica Yarbrough*

*MPA Secretary*

When the year 2020 began, no one could have predicted how unprecedented the year would become. It was definitely a year that will go down in the history books. Even though 2020 was a year full of what seemed like more downs than ups, there were valuable lessons learned. We learned how to persevere, no matter the circumstances. As the year 2021 gets underway, my hope is that we all take the lessons 2020 taught us and use those lessons as building blocks for the new year.

Despite what 2020 threw at us, MPA continued to push forward. I believe that 2021 will see continued strength and growth in our Paralegal Association. We truly have some amazing members!

**Work & Play With MPA!**



## Website and Social Media

# GET SOCIAL WITH US!

Find us at:

[MS Paralegal Assn. Website](#)

[MS Paralegal Assn. Facebook Page](#)

[MS Paralegal Assn. LinkedIn Page](#)

[MS Paralegals on Twitter](#)

We love our hashtags and hope you do, too!  
**#msparalegals #workandplaywithmpa**

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### MPA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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Meet Mr. Vince Farrell, one of MPA's newest board members. He serves as a paralegal specialist for the USACE Vicksburg District's Office of Counsel and provides support for contract, environment, labor and employment, and litigation attorneys with a variety of specializations.

Vince serves as the Central Region director for MPA. He was also recently voted MPA's 2020 Paralegal of the Year. Vince acts as event coordinator for the Spring and Fall seminars and is responsible for obtaining speakers for these two events. He also promotes MPA membership for the Central District.

If you would like to help with an event in the Central District, or would like more information about membership, please contact Vince at [vfarrell144@gmail.com](mailto:vfarrell144@gmail.com).

## Job Bank

MPA's Job Bank is rather progressive in that we do not maintain an online bank.

Our Job Bank Coordinator, Sheena Edwards, CP (Butler Snow) posts our job openings in MPA's Members Only Social Media Groups. MPA posts the position once in our Monthly Newsletter. Our goal is to empower paralegals to find their perfect job without overwhelming our volunteers.

Inquiries from employers looking for a paralegal and MPA Members who want the latest copy of the job postings may email Ms. Edwards for a copy anytime at [MPAJobBank@gmail.com](mailto:MPAJobBank@gmail.com).

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FOR A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION.

NALA is offering a 25% discount to all Affiliated Association Members. If you don't see the discount when signing up/renewing, please contact NALA.



## MPA's Sustaining Members

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### SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

<b>1</b>	<b>\$100</b>
ACCESS TO MPA FACEBOOK AND LINKEDIN GROUPS	
INVITATION TO ALL MPA EVENTS	
ONE 12 WEEK AD ON MPA SOCIAL SITES AND WEBSITE	
<b>2</b>	<b>\$200</b>
ACCESS TO MPA FACEBOOK AND LINKEDIN GROUPS	
INVITATION TO ALL MPA EVENTS	
ONE 24 WEEK AD ON MPA SOCIAL SITES AND WEBSITE	
<b>3</b>	<b>\$350</b>
ACCESS TO MPA FACEBOOK AND LINKEDIN GROUPS	
INVITATION TO ALL MPA EVENTS	
ONE 52 WEEK AD ON MPA SOCIAL SITES AND WEBSITE	

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WE ASK THAT ALL MEMBERS DONATE ONE DOOR PRIZE OF \$75+ VALUE OR 100 SMALL PROMOTIONAL ITEMS ANNUALLY

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