

Network for Success: The Legal Assistants Committee Launches

Paralegal members of the Washtenaw County Bar Association met for the first time on November 22, 2005. This initial networking opportunity was met with great enthusiasm and the Committee is planning future meetings on technology, research, ethics, specialty law areas, networking, career building, and learning about the role of the paralegal.

“Networking is the most powerful tool you have when it comes to professional development and improving legal assistant knowledge,” says Linda S. Jevahirian, Founder and President of Legal Search & Management, Inc., an employment resource firm in Farmington. Jevahirian lead “Network for Success” and has some brilliant ideas for continuing meetings and events. “The WCBA Legal Assistants Committee is a resource where paralegals can learn how to add value to their services while improving their career.”

Judy Van Amburg, Executive Director of the WCBA has worked with paralegals during most of her legal career. “Legal Assistants can be the engine in a practice that values their motivation and abilities. We want the paralegals of Washtenaw County to know that the Bar is behind them in their pursuit for career satisfaction, as well as professional success.”

The Legal Assistant Committee promotes practical solutions to issues in education, career development and the ever-changing environment of paralegal utilization. Membership offers opportunities for leadership, which can have a profound impact on professional growth, recognition and credibility. There are opportunities to contribute to the newsletter, lead educational and networking sessions, and influence the direction of meetings and activities.

The WCBA offers a special reduced membership fee to students, as well as other member benefits. For further information please contact Judy Van Amburg at vanamburgj@ewashtenaw.org or (734) 994-4912. Linda S. Jevahirian can be reached at linda@legalsearchonline.net or 248-471-3443. She invites you to visit her web site at legalsearchonline.net.