

Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association
Legal Assistant Membership Luncheon and Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, June 25, 2002

TIME: 11:45 am – 1:15 pm

PLACE: Penobscot Building
Room _____
645 Griswold
Detroit, Michigan 48226

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Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association Launches Legal Assistant Membership

This summer Detroit Legal Assistants will attend three luncheons when the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association (DMBA) launches a new membership section. Linda S. Jevahirian, President and Founder of Legal Search & Management, Inc., has developed and will moderate three presentations and discussions focused on, "The Successful Legal Assistant." The sessions are designed to give Detroit legal assistants a forum for networking on issues that affect their career.

Says Linda, "This is an association that Detroit legal assistants have been waiting for. I talk to a lot of legal assistants every day and when I mention this type of an event they are all eager to get involved. The nice thing about this event is that the meetings are conveniently scheduled at lunchtime and offer just enough time to share a meal, to get to know a few new people, and to share ideas about what it takes to succeed as a legal assistant."

So much of what makes up the strength of the position is in its lore. What one paralegal does at one firm might be completely different at another firm. Achieving a career status you are comfortable with means understanding how you can add value to what you are doing. The only way to get that information is to talk to other legal assistants in similar situations.

The modern legal assistant is finding that with a few new skills and a fresh outlook they can update their current position to a new level. Career expectation has been a critical stumbling block for many legal assistants. Taking a current position in a different direction can be an effective way to get promoted and become more profitable. The networking is a key component.

According to Z. Kay Fitzpatrick, CEO, CAE, the DMBA has received many calls from Detroit legal assistants who would like to become members of the Bar. According to Kay, "It seems like the one thing that has been missing from the Detroit legal assistant community is a consistent opportunity to network. We want this affiliation to enhance the image of the Detroit legal assistant and for the attorneys to recognize their professionalism and encourage their participation."

Sessions will take place on the June 25, July 23, and August 27, at the Penobscot Building in Downtown Detroit. Reservations are being taken by the DMBA at www.detroitlawyer.org or Nancy Lee Jacka at the DMBA (313) 961-6120 ext. 210. Feel free to contact Linda at Legal Search & Management at (248) 471-3443 or lindajev@aol.com for further information. Legal Assistants of all levels are encouraged to attend and to bring a friend.