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Dear Legal Assistants Section Members,

Are you ready to celebrate? May 3 is Legal Assistant/Paralegal Day and the Legal Assistants Section of the State Bar wants Legal Assistants and Paralegals throughout Michigan to celebrate!

The Legal Assistants Association of Michigan (LAAM) was instrumental in implementing the very first Legal Assistant Day. On May 2, 2000, Governor John Engler signed a Proclamation declaring May 3, 2000, and every May 3 thereafter, Legal Assistant/Paralegal Day in Michigan. This Proclamation was the result of the work of LAAM members Tina Hall and Marcy Jankovich, CLAS, who worked with State Representative Clark Bisbee and Governor Engler's offices in establishing this Proclamation. On February 25, 2005, Governor Granholm signed another Proclamation, additionally recognizing LAAM's contribution to the founding of the Legal Assistants Section as well as the 15-year anniversary of the section.

As another Legal Assistant/Paralegal Day approaches, we encourage all of you to find creative ways to observe this special day. Here are some suggestions:

- Decorate your work area with balloons, streamers, etc.
- Send a floral arrangement to be enjoyed by the legal assistants in the office.
- Frame a copy of the official proclamation of Legal Assistant/Paralegal Day for your office. (Additional copies may be downloaded from the Legal Assistants Section web page.)
- Gather with your fellow legal assistants to share "war stories" – funny, interesting and downright bizarre accounts from the field. (Bearing in mind issues of confidentiality.)
- Bring in a cake or another treat to share with your co-workers.
- Coordinate a luncheon for the legal assistants in your office.
- Get together at a local restaurant after work.

We would love to hear your suggestions for other fun and unique ways to celebrate. Share them with us and your fellow section members on the Legal Assistants Section ListServ.

Once you've planned for your celebration, be sure someone has a camera handy. We want to see pictures of how you celebrated. We'll share your pictures in the next issue of the *Michigan Paralegal*. Please send digital photos or scanned copies of your pictures via email to agius@millercanfield.com or on disk to Margaret Lucas Agius, CLA, Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C., 101 North Main Street, 7th Floor, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104.

Whichever way you choose, be sure to take this opportunity to commemorate our special day. Legal Assistants and Paralegals work hard and we deserve this opportunity to celebrate!

Sincerely,


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Section Chair