



VERMONT
PARALEGAL
ORGANIZATION

ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE

Thursday, April 28, 2011

CAPITOL PLAZA

100 State Street

Montpelier, Vermont

9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Registration starting at 8:15 a.m.

APPROVAL PENDING FOR NFPA CLE CREDITS

Agenda

8:15 – 8:45 a.m. Registration

8:45 – 9:00 a.m. Welcome, Diane Brown, President

MORNING SESSIONS: 9:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Workshop A	Workshop B
<p>Real Estate: Foreclosure Actions and V.R.C.P. 80.1-The New Mediation Rules in Foreclosure Actions- <i>Angela Eastman, Esq. and Andrew Mikell, Esq.</i></p>	<p>9:00-10:30 Legal Research: Researching Legislative History in Vermont-how and why do you do it? Orientation to the Law Library in Montpelier and to legislative history resources at the State Archives- <i>Paul Donovan and Rachel Muse</i></p> <p>10:30-10:45-BREAK</p> <p>10:45-11:45 FOIA Requests: How to request what information from what agencies and what to do if you do not get the materials requested-<i>Laurie Noyes, RP®</i></p>

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. LUNCH-Provided by Capitol Plaza

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. VOTING and ELECTION RESULTS

AFTERNOON SESSION I: 2:15 p.m.-3:15 p.m.

<p>Paralegal Regulation and Legislative Lobbying-What are the different forms of paralegal regulation currently existing in the States? How does a Bill become enacted into law, what does the process of regulation entail, and what is the role of the lobbyist in the regulation process?-<i>Carie Tarte, VPO NFPA Primary, and Jonathan Wolff, Government Relations Specialist, Primmer Piper Eggleston & Cramer PC</i></p>
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AFTERNOON SESSION II 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Workshop A	Workshop B
<p>Bankruptcy-Filing basics for Chapters 7 and 13 and the effect of V.R.C.P. 80.1 in Bankruptcy Actions. Judge Brown will also touch upon <i>pro bono</i> opportunities in bankruptcy court for Vermont Paralegals-<i>Hon. Colleen Brown, Chief Bankruptcy Judge, and Kathleen Ford, Chief Deputy Clerk</i></p>	<p>Electronic Filing in Vermont-Webinar with <i>Rick Conklin VCase Project Manager, State of Vermont Judiciary</i></p>

Faculty

Hon. Colleen Brown-Judge Brown has served as the U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Vermont since 2000. She received a B.A., cum laude, with honors in philosophy, from Colgate University in 1979, and a J.D., cum laude, from Buffalo Law School in 1983. Judge Brown chaired the first Vermont Rule of Law Conference (2008), and previously was a member of the First Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel (2002 – 2003), represented the Second Circuit on the Administrative Office of U.S. Courts’ “Bankruptcy Judges Advisory Group” (2004 – 2007), and chaired the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges’ “NCBJ - United States Trustee Liaison Committee” (2005 – 2008). Additionally, Judge Brown is an author for Collier on Bankruptcy 15th edition, was a member of the NCBJ Education Committee (2008).

Rick Conklin-Mr. Conklin is the VCase Project Manager for the State of Vermont, and has been providing training for the electronic filing of pleadings State court.

Paul Donovan-Mr. Donovan has been the State Law Librarian for the Vermont Department of Libraries in the Pavilion Building in Montpelier, Vermont since 1998. Prior to that time, he was a Reference Librarian also for the Vermont Department of Libraries in Montpelier. Mr. Donovan received his Honorary Legal Assistant Certificate from Woodbury College, his Bachelor of Science from Southern New Hampshire University, and his M.L.S. from the University of Albany School of Information Science & Policy.

Angela Eastman, Esq.-Ms. Eastman has her own private law practice in South Burlington, Vermont. Her practice includes business contracts, employment law, family law, health care law, and dispute resolution and mediation services. Ms. Eastman earned her J.D. from Vermont Law School and her LLM from Pepperdine University School of Law. In addition to running her own practice, Ms. Eastman is an Adjunct Professor at St. Michael’s College for the Graduate Business School.

Kathleen Ford-Ms. Ford is the Chief Deputy Clerk for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Vermont, where she has worked since 1994. Prior to her time with the Bankruptcy Court, Ms. Ford was an English Teacher and Teacher Trainer in Sri Lanka as part of the Peace Corps. Ms. Ford received her Bachelor’s Degree from Michigan State University and her Master’s Degree from Boston College.

Andrew Mikell, Esq.-Mr. Mikell was engaged in the private practice of law for 13 years before becoming State Manager and Title Counsel at Vermont Attorneys Title Corporation in 1997. He graduated from Williams College and obtained his law degree at Vermont Law School. He is chair of the Vermont Bar Association’s Title Standards subcommittee and recently retired as chair of the VBA Real Property Law Committee (after 8 year). He has presented at dozens of professional seminars on real property issues and he is always active in current legislative issues affecting the marketability of title. Andy taught business law and paralegal courses at Champlain College for eight years. He lives with his family in Williston where he is a former member of the selectboard and school board.

Rachel Muse-Ms. Muse is a records analyst at the Vermont State Archives and Records Administration. In this role, she works with state agencies to develop records management plans and policies and educates state employees on topics related to records and information management. Ms. Muse also assists archival researchers in VSARA’s reference room, providing guidance on researching legislative intent, genealogy and any other topic that arises. Prior to relocating to Vermont, Ms. Muse worked in archives and records management at the Library of Virginia in Richmond, VA and the Foundation of New York State Nurses in Albany, NY. Ms. Muse has a master’s degree in library and information science from SUNY Albany.

Laurie Noyes, RP-Ms. Noyes provides general litigation support to Primmer, Piper Eggleston & Cramer’s Burlington litigation team. She has worked in the legal field for 15 years, focused primarily in litigation. Her case experience includes large complex and commercial litigation matters, toxic tort cases, medical and legal malpractice cases, insurance coverage and defense work, and eminent domain and condemnation cases. In June 2010, Ms. Noyes achieved the esteemed PACE Registered Paralegal® designation through the National Federation of Paralegal Associations. Ms. Noyes earned her Bachelor of Science in Legal/Paralegal Education from Woodbury College in 2004 and her Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice from Trinity College in 2001.

Carie Tarte-Ms. Tarte is a Litigation Paralegal at Sheehey Furlong & Behm in Burlington where she handles both criminal and civil litigation matters. Prior to her tenure at Sheehey, Ms. Tarte worked with Third Party Administrator Insurance Claims and insurance audits, as well as civil litigation and immigration matters. Ms. Tarte received her Bachelor of Science in Paralegal Studies from Rivier College in Nashua, New Hampshire, which is one of only a few colleges in the Northeast whose paralegal program is accredited by the American Bar Association.

Jonathan Wolff-Mr. Wolff is a Government Relations Specialist for Primmer Piper Eggleston & Cramer PC, in Burlington, Vermont. He represents clients with a full range of government relations services, routinely participating in the development of legislation dealing with complex subject matters and seeking prompt and successful action on such legislation. Mr. Wolff graduated from the American University in Washington DC in 1997, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Justice. Upon graduating, he spent two years in Washington, DC working with a small training firm coordinating statewide legislative affairs. Prior to moving back to Vermont and joining Primmer Piper Eggleston & Cramer PC, he spent time in the Chicago office of Arthur Andersen for three years as a senior market analyst providing analytical and quantitative market research focusing on the emerging and middle markets.

REGISTRATION

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I would like to register for:

- \$75 full day- member; \$125 full day non-member; \$25 full day-Student
 \$40 half day-member; \$80 half day-non member; \$15 half day-Student

½ Day Morning

Select One:

Workshop A or Workshop B

½ Day Afternoon**

Select One:

Workshop A or Workshop B

Full Day

Select One:

Morning Session: Workshop A or Workshop B

Afternoon Session: Workshop A or Workshop B

Lunch/Annual Meeting Only

\$20 (members, non-members, or students – no seminars)

*** Half day registration includes lunch and annual meeting attendance.*

Registration/Check-In: 8:15 – 8:45 a.m.

Lunch will be served at noon, and is included in the Registration Fee.

Annual meeting begins at 1:00 p.m.

Questions: Contact Louise Reese at 802-864-5751 lreese@dinse.com; Corinne Deering at 802-658-2311 cdeering@pfclaw.com; Carie Tarte at 802-864-9891 carte@sheeheyvt.com.

Registration forms are available on the VPO website: www.vtparalegal.org. Please make checks payable to the Vermont Paralegal Organization, and mail with a copy of your registration to:

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