

WMPA GUIDE TO MEMBER SERVICES

- **Continuing Education:** WMPA offers general membership meetings throughout the year for discussion and to present topics and speakers of professional interest to its members.
- **Member Programs:** In addition to continuing education programs, WMPA offers its members both social and networking opportunities in the form of round table discussions, holiday programs and an annual dinner.
- **Annual Meeting:** WMPA's annual meeting is held every April for election of officers and to discuss WMPA business.
- **Networking:** Members can network with peers through programs and through the membership directory on WMPA's website for discussions or to ask for assistance.
- **Salary Survey:** WMPA regularly conducts a salary survey to inform members of employment conditions, job responsibilities, salaries and types of paralegal employers in Western Massachusetts.
- **WMPA Job Bank:** WMPA offers area employers an opportunity to post legal positions on its job bank, which can be found on the Member's Only section of WMPA's website. As a WMPA member, you will have access to this site and will be notified each time a new job is posted on the website.
- **Internet and E-Mail Access:** WMPA's website can be found at www.wmassparalegal.org. The website contains membership information, helpful links, association news, upcoming CLE events and NFPA news. Job postings can be found on the member's only section. WMPA has a Facebook page and a LinkedIn site and WMPA can be reached by e-mail at westernmassachusetts@paralegals.org.
- **MCLE Practice Manual Discount:** As a WMPA member, a 10% discount is available on the *Massachusetts Paralegal Practice Manual* published by MCLE.
- **NFPA Membership:** Membership in WMPA includes membership in the National Federation of Paralegal Associations (NFPA), the national non-profit professional organization comprised of state and local paralegal associations. WMPA is a voting member of NFPA. Individual benefits of NFPA membership include:
 - **National Paralegal Reporter:** NFPA members receive NFPA's quarterly publication.

- **NFPA News You Can Use** is electronically sent to members weekly along with a NFPA e-Newsletter to keep members informed of NFPA events.
- **Networking and Discussion Boards:** NFPA members can network with each other at events, webinars and on discussion boards on the member section of NFPA's website on a variety of subjects.
- **Internet Connection:** NFPA's website at www.paralegals.org contains information on a wide variety of topics of professional interest, including special research papers, positions statements and other information on issues affecting the paralegal and legal professions and legislative activities.
- **Educational and Career Opportunities:** NFPA members have access to many upcoming and archived continuing education programs and webinars at a discounted fee which can be viewed on demand. In addition to its annual conference which includes many educational opportunities, NFPA sponsors a Leadership / Certification / Pro Bono Conference each year with speakers on topics of interest to paralegals.
- **PACE and PCCE Exams:** NFPA offers the Paralegal Advanced Competency Exam (PACE) which confers upon successful applicants the title Registered Paralegal (RP) and the Paralegal Core Competency Exam (PCCE) which confers upon successful applicants the title Core Registered Paralegal (CRP). NFPA members receive a discount on PACE and PCCE renewal fees.
- **Career Center:** NFPA maintains a Career Center on its website. Members can search for job opportunities and post their resumes at no cost.
- **Member Discounts:** NFPA members receive discounts on a variety of programs and services from many businesses. A list of these benefits can be found on NFPA's website at www.paralegals.org.