

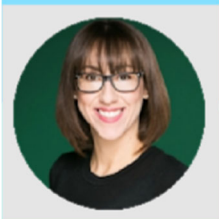
April 6 @ 12:00 pm
**TRUSTING TRUSTS - WORKING
WITH TRUSTS UNDER REVISED
ARTICLE NINE**

*Daniel W. Lias, Esq.
Transactional Business Consultant
Wolters Kluwer Corporate Legal Services*

Dan Lias is the UCC Business Consultant in the Chicago office of CT. He works primarily with area law firms in terms of their due diligence searches and filings. He shares market knowledge with the firms and assists in developing a strategy that meets the firm's specific needs. He graduated from the University of South Dakota Law School and has several years of experience working with UCC related issues in both his private practice and when he was corporate counsel for an invoice factoring firm. He is a member of the South Dakota State Bar Association, The Chicago Bar Association, and the American Bar Association.

Trusting Trusts – Working with Trusts Under Revised Article

Nine: The intersection of Trust Law and the Uniform Commercial Code has historically been confusing to almost everyone. The pitfalls have become more common with the growth and expansion of trusts. This one hour seminar by CT attempts to crystalize some of the key points, including examples that can be used as guideposts for those legal professionals that work in this field.

April 8 @ 12:00 pm
**BANKRUPTCY 201:
A PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR
PRACTITIONERS**

*Paulina Garga-Chmiel, Esq.
Chuhak & Tecson, P.C.*

and represents creditors in foreclosure litigation, bankruptcy matters, collection actions, breach of contract disputes, evictions and other banking concerns, including loss mitigation. Named as an Emerging Lawyer for 2020, Paulina speaks fluent Polish and is an active member of the Bankruptcy Court Liaison Committee for the Northern District of Illinois, Polish American Chamber of Commerce, and Advocates Society, the Association of Polish-American Attorneys.

Bankruptcy 201: A Practical Guide for Practitioners:

The presentation will provide an overview of the fundamental features of chapters 7, 11, and 13 of the Bankruptcy Code and clarify basic Bankruptcy Code issues and practical features of bankruptcy litigation. Participants will have an opportunity to learn dos and don'ts of representing creditors and get a practical insight into the bankruptcy court system.

Paulina Garga-Chmiel is an attorney with Chuhak & Tecson, P.C.

April 13 @ 12:00 pm
**FIFTY SHADES OF GREY CAN'T
HOLD A CANDLE TO THE LEGAL
PROFESSION'S LITERARY
MASTERPIECE: THE BLUEBOOK**

*Nicholas Kourvetaris
Attorney
O'Hagan Meyer*

Fifty Shades of Grey Can't Hold a Candle to the Legal

Profession's Literary Masterpiece: *The Bluebook*: Not even the erotic romance trilogy *Fifty Shades of Grey*, *Fifty Shades Darker*, and *Fifty Shades Freed* offers a more compelling, titillating and captivating read, as the legal profession's most enduring, literary masterpiece: *The Bluebook*. In an increasingly diverse and demanding legal profession, *The Bluebook* continues to provide the systematic method by which members of the legal profession communicate essential information about the multitude of


sources and authorities they rely upon. Come get intimately reacquainted with the definitive guide for legal citation in the United States.

Nicholas Kourvetaris is an attorney at the law firm of O'Hagan Meyer. As a litigator with two decades of experience, Nicholas has served as a trusted legal advisor to a wide range of clients in multiple industries, including business clients, school districts, forest preserve districts, zoological societies, medical centers, homeowners and construction-related entities. He has extensive litigation experience in defense of matters throughout Illinois involving catastrophic bodily injuries and death, premises liability, food poisoning, bed bugs, wage garnishment, contract disputes, breach of fiduciary duty, dram shop, property damage, construction litigation, and housing, gender and age discrimination.

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April 14 @ 12:00 pm



**DEVELOPING A GREATER
OUTLOOK USING OUTLOOK:
TIPS FOR BETTER ORGANIZATION**


*Paul Busceni, EdD
Educator, Consultant, Entrepreneur,
Dissertations Done Right*

Developing a Greater Outlook Using Outlook: Tips For Better Organization: This 60-minute session will create an awareness of the tool Outlook showcasing its capacity to keep oneself organized in the workplace (or at home for personal use). A demonstration will be provided to highlight the basics as well as more advanced features that translate easily to the functions of your position.

Dr. Paul Busceni earned his doctorate in Education Leadership

and Organizational Change from Roosevelt University, Chicago, Illinois, in 2000, and celebrates a twenty-three year history of teaching, learning, and advocacy. He began his career in the Chicago north suburbs as teacher, principal, and associate superintendent of schools in P-12, eventually transitioning to leadership positions in Colleges of Education and Human Development at various institutions of higher learning. He focused on business during his undergraduate tenure, but quickly realized his interests were in teaching and learning, and community action and awareness. Progressing into graduate school, he became a staunch advocate for human rights and social justice. He is a member of the LGBTQ Tucson Chamber of Commerce, volunteers for other philanthropic organizations, and is a reflection of his alma mater's motto dedicated to the enlightenment of the human spirit. He became a voice for legislative action with state Boards of Education as well as accrediting bodies, is a recognized educator and speaker, has spoken at professional conferences throughout the United States, and was keynote speaker in Leeds, England on international education. He has been a consistent thought leader in areas of curriculum, instruction, assessment, accreditation, faculty development, and online/distance learning, and has written and reviewed grants for local, state, and national agencies. He is a member of Kappa Delta Pi and is always seeking ways to give back to the various communities who helped make him the person he is today. His greatest aspiration is to complete his debut novel and become the next great American writer.

April 21 @ 6:00 pm



**IPA TOWN HALL:
CIRCUIT CLERKS**

<i>Cook County DeKalb County DuPage County</i>	<i>Lake County McHenry County St. Clair County</i>
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IPA Town Hall: Circuit Clerks: Join us for the IPA Circuit Clerk Town Hall. We've been working in the COVID era for some time now and it is a great time to meet the newly elected circuit clerks, get updates on how their offices are handling things and what they see on the horizon for their offices.


Currently scheduled to participate in the discussion (with more to be added):

Cook County Clerk Iris Martinez, DeKalb County Circuit Clerk Lori

Grubbs, DuPage County Circuit Clerk Candice Adams, Lake County Circuit Clerk Erin Cartwright Weinstein, McHenry County Circuit Clerk Kathy Keefe, and St. Clair County Circuit Clerk Kahalah Clay.

Attendees also have the opportunity to submit questions during the registration process.

April 22 @ 12:00 pm



**FEDERAL CIRCUIT APPEALS:
A PROCEDURAL GUIDE**

*John Kruesi
Appellate Counsel
Counsel Press*

*Gary Chyi
Appellate Counsel
Counsel Press*

Federal Circuit Appeals: A Procedural Guide: Effective July 1, 2020, there were a number of changes to the Federal Circuit Rules of Practice, including updates to the rules concerning confidential filings and service. We will discuss the updated procedures, and how they have been implemented in practice. Attendees will be provided with a digital copy of the new rules of practice, which includes practice notes discussing matters that are often asked of the Clerk's office staff.

Mr. Kruesi, the Senior Staff Counsel in our Washington, D.C. office, has led our Mid-Atlantic team since 1994. In addition to his intimate knowledge of the rules of practice and procedure for the Maryland, DC and Virginia state and federal (D.C. and 4th Circuits) courts, Mr. Kruesi is Counsel Press's consultant on the unique procedures at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Mr. Kruesi has worked for firms from coast to coast on various patent and trademark appeals. He regularly handles complicated and confidential IP filings with tens of thousands of pages of appendix materials and unique exhibits. He is often recommended by court staff to assist counsel whose filings have been rejected. Mr. Kruesi also leads our electronic document team. He has been instrumental in developing our eBrief filing procedures, regularly filing fully linked briefs and appendices each month. He has consulted with various courts and clients regarding cross-document hyperlinks in electronically filed documents in addition to other linking and bookmarking optimizations.

Gary Chyi clerked for two years for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio and worked for eight years in private practice, most recently with the prestigious law firm of Kirkland & Ellis LLP and the Office of the Illinois Attorney General.

Mr. Chyi has extensive litigation experience, having worked on numerous cases at the trial and appellate levels in federal and state courts. During his litigation career, he worked on one of the largest, longest-running and most complex airline bankruptcy cases, at the trial and appellate levels. He also oversaw discovery matters in the largest civil discovery process in U.S. history, the Gulf of Mexico oil spill multi-district litigation. Having handled civil matters in large and complex matters, he brings to bear a deep appreciation of the nuances of substantive and procedural requirements affecting the appeals of his clients at Counsel Press.

Mr. Chyi has been the Director of our U.S. Supreme Court division since 2019, working hand in hand with our clients at both the petition stage and on the merits, on matters of form, tactics, and strategy. He also enjoys a close working relationship with the senior clerks at the Court. Counsel Press has provided guidance to 98 of the top 100 law firms, as well as many state and local government entities, in U.S. Supreme Court matters.

Mr. Chyi is also an Appellate Counsel specializing in the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Circuits, as well as Illinois and Wisconsin state appellate courts. He works regularly with our clients at all stages of appellate litigation in those courts on matters of procedure and practice.

April 23 @ 12:00 pm



Estate Planning & Guardianship for the LGBTQ+ Community:

This presentation will address considerations for working with LGBTQ+ clients on their estate plan. We will also take a look at advocacy when there was no advance planning and the LGBTQ+ individual is the subject of a guardianship. Participants will learn strategies that address all phases of legal practice from client intake to document terms to holistic planning for the LGBTQ+ community.

Melissa Kallio concentrates her practice in elder law, which includes Medicaid planning and applications, litigation for vulnerable adults against abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and guardianship estates. Melissa also serves as a court appointed Guardian ad Litem (GAL) and counsel for Respondents in guardianship estates.

Melissa has been named as an "Emerging Lawyer" in the field of Elder Law by the Leading Lawyers Network since 2018. Less than 2% of all lawyers licensed in each state have receive the distinction of Emerging Lawyer. Melissa has also been named as an Illinois Super Lawyers "Rising Star" in the field of Elder Law since 2018. The Rising Stars list recognizes no more than 2.5% of attorneys in each state.


In her free time, Melissa enjoys travelling, playing and watching sports, hiking, and spending time at her family's camp on Twin Lakes in Upper Michigan. Melissa resides in Chicago with her husband, Dan, and their 3 cats - Izzy, Bitsy, and Iris.

A passionate LGBTQ+ advocate with over 15 years of expertise in senior care, Jacqueline Boyd has built the country's premier LGBTQ+ centered care management company. The Care Plan's ground-breaking model of client-directed care provides advocacy, care navigation and advance planning for successful aging experiences. Simultaneously, the company supplies training, strategic planning and infrastructural support to nonprofits, businesses and community groups across the US. At the helm of The Care Plan's leadership, Jacqueline has consulted with national and local organizations such as SAGE, Diverse Elders Coalition, and AIDS Foundation Chicago to enhance services offered to LGBTQ+ older adults.

Jacqueline is a sought after speaker and author providing business leadership through presentations at the American Society on Aging National Conference, Creating Change Conference, the Los Angeles County Older Adult Summit, and University of Chicago among others. She recently contributed a chapter to Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Health and Aging, available from Springer Publishing and authored the guide Create Your Care Plan: An LGBT Person's Guide To Preparing For Medical Procedures.

Currently Jacqueline serves as the co-chair of One Roof Chicago www.oneroofchicago.org an intergenerational LGBTQ+ focused housing project, is on the advisory council of Pride Action Tank www.prideactiontank.org. She is a co-founder of Project Fierce Chicago www.projectfiercechicago.org.

April 26 @ 1:00 pm



**WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW
SPRING UPDATE: WHAT
CONSTITUTES A WORK ACCIDENT?**


*Dan DeBias
Attorney
Horwitz Horwitz & Associates*

2017. Dan focuses his entire practice on representing injured workers' in Illinois, and has been working in the field of workers' compensation since 2007.

Workers' Compensation Law Spring Update: What Constitutes a Work Accident?: This session will give a brief background of Illinois Workers' Compensation Law, and then examine case law surrounding what constitutes a compensable work accident in the State of Illinois, including the recent Illinois Supreme Court case *McAllister v. Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission*.

Dan DeBias has been licensed to practice law since 2018. He obtained his JD degree from the John Marshall Law School in

April 27 @ 12:00 pm



**CLOSING STATEMENTS - THERE'S
A METHOD TO OUR MADNESS!**

*Teresa Haish
Assistant Vice President
Chicago Title Insurance Company*

for the Geneva, IL office. She works with law firms in the western Chicago suburbs managing attorney agent relationships, structuring closing and title services to ensure efficient client focused escrow services. She is an active member of the Kane County Bar Association, and Realtor Association of Fox Valley, serves on the Board of Directors for the Northern Illinois Homebuilders Association and Treasurer of Trinity Lutheran Church. When not working she enjoys reading, yoga, and traveling.

Closing Statements - There's a Method to Our Madness!: During this presentation Teresa will discuss seller figures and ways to help the title company facilitate a smooth closing for all. Topics to be covered are preparing numbers for closing, the mystery behind preparing a Master Statement, disbursements, and common issues that arise and ways to avoid them.

Teresa Haish has been with Chicago Title over 33 years where she is currently Assistant Vice President, Executive Account Manager

April 29 @ 12:00 pm



**UNCONSCIOUS AND IMPLICIT
BIAS IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION**

*Sybil Taylor Aytch
NFPA's Diversity, Inclusion,
and Equity Coordinator*

Unconscious and Implicit Bias in the Legal Profession:

Unconscious and implicit bias are prevalent in the legal profession and play a consequential role in hiring, assignments, mentoring, compensation, promotions, and retention in the work place, as well as inclusion and participation in professional organizations. This presentation will address the following issues:

- Defining Unconscious and Implicit Bias
- Identifying the Implications of Cognitive Associations
- Accessing and Overcoming Unconscious Bias
- Eliminating Implicit Bias
- ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct: Rule 8.4- Misconduct

Sybil Taylor Aytch is a first-generation American and a native of New York City. She is an educator and Registered Paralegal who has interviewed, mentored, and trained scores of paralegal students and entry-level paralegals. She writes and speaks frequently on issues related to the paralegal profession including ethics, technology, utilization, professionalism, and diversity and inclusion. Sybil has extensive experience in complex litigation, commercial bankruptcy law, antitrust law, and trial preparation, specializing in electronic document and discovery management, trial technology, and project administration.

Sybil is the Senior Paralegal in the Commercial Bankruptcy, Restructuring and Creditors' Rights group in the Phoenix, Arizona office of the national law firm of Quarles & Brady LLP. Prior to moving to Phoenix, she was a Senior Specialist and Coordinator in the Corporate Restructuring group at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP in New York for 8 years.

Sybil is also an Adjunct Professor in the ABA-approved Paralegal Studies program at Phoenix College where she teaches Ethics and Professional Practice, Civil Interviewing and Investigation, Bankruptcy, and The Paralegal Profession. From 2004-2008, she served as a member of the ABA's Standing Commission on Paralegals Approval Commission where she led site visits to review applications for ABA-approval at multiple educational institutions. She was previously an Assistant Professor at Western International University where she taught Critical Thinking, Civil Procedure, and Comparative Law.

Sybil holds a double Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree in French and English from Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts and a Master of Education (M.Ed.) degree in Educational Psychology from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona. She was also educated in Paris, France and earned a Certificat en Littérature in French Literature from l'Université de Paris- La Sorbonne and a Certificat en Sciences Politiques in International Law from l'Institut d'Études Politiques. She obtained the PACE Registered Paralegal credential in 1999.

Sybil is a member of the Oregon Paralegal Association and has a long history with NFPA. In 2002, she was the recipient of the Outstanding Local Leadership Award. From 2007-2010, she served as Ethics Board Chair. Since 2017, she has served as Chair of the Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity Committee and as Bar Association Coordinator. Sybil is also a founding member of the Paralegal Division of the Maricopa County Bar Association in Phoenix and served as its first President in 2002. In 2020, she was appointed as Co-Chair of the Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Board for the International Practice Management Association.

Sybil is also the co-author of two published textbooks: Ethics And Professional Responsibility For Paralegals (8th edition) and Concise Guide To Paralegal Ethics (5th edition).

May 4 @ 12:00 pm



**SAVVY SEARCHING FOR
PARALEGALS**

Kathryn LeFevour, PCI
Edward R. LeFevour & Associates, Ltd.

Savvy Searching for Paralegals: Investigations equal searches. Searches come in many shapes and sizes and can be regulated by various laws and statutes. This seminar will introduce paralegals on how different categories of searches could be used to support daily work tasks, the permissible purposes that allow and limit searches, and the various types of searches and sources of information available.

As President of Edward R. LeFevour and Associates, Ltd., Kathryn is currently licensed in the state of Illinois and Wisconsin as a Private Detective. Kathryn is a Professional Certified Investigator (PCI), which is recognized by ASIS International as the highest professional investigator designation.

Previously employed with the Office of the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Kathryn was responsible in that position for assisting in the integration and sharing of information between several government agencies to support the adjudication of cases within one of the nation's largest court systems. The development and implementation of the computer information sharing system ensured efficiency and the integrity of information. Kathryn has utilized this valuable experience in her current capacity managing the operations of Edward R. LeFevour and Associates, Ltd. Kathryn specializes in the location of witnesses, heirs and assets to support litigation. Kathryn regularly conducts time-sensitive national and global due diligence investigation to support clients' regulatory compliance for global business transactions in a post-9/11 era. Through her conduct of investigations and memberships with the World Association of Detectives (WAD) and ASIS International, Kathryn has developed a well-established domestic and international network of investigators. She continues to conduct investigations nationally as well as in over thirty foreign countries.

Kathryn has completed advanced training in open source intelligence (OSINT) gathering. This has included the completion of training by industry-recognized experts in the efficient and legal use of intelligence sources, including multifaceted social media sources necessary to support corporate, civil and criminal investigations.

May 12 @ 12:00 pm



TO ERR IS HUMAN... TO GOOGLE DIVINE

*Paul Busceni, EdD
Educator, Consultant, Entrepreneur,
Dissertations Done Right*

teaching, learning, and advocacy. He began his career in the Chicago north suburbs as teacher, principal, and associate superintendent of schools in P-12, eventually transitioning to leadership positions in Colleges of Education and Human Development at various institutions of higher learning. He focused on business during his undergraduate tenure, but quickly realized his interests were in teaching and learning, and community action and awareness. Progressing into graduate school, he became a staunch advocate for human rights and social justice. He is a member of the LGBTQ Tucson Chamber of Commerce, volunteers for other philanthropic organizations, and is a reflection of his alma mater's motto dedicated to the enlightenment of the human spirit. He became a voice for legislative action with state Boards of Education as well as accrediting bodies, is a recognized educator and speaker, has spoken at professional conferences throughout the United States, and was keynote speaker in Leeds, England on international education. He has been a consistent thought leader in areas of curriculum, instruction, assessment, accreditation, faculty development, and online/distance learning, and has written and reviewed grants for local, state, and national agencies. He is a member of Kappa Delta Pi and is always seeking ways to give back to the various communities who helped make him the person he is today. His greatest aspiration is to complete his debut novel and become the next great American writer.

To Err Is Human.....To Google Divine: This 60-minute session will review the basics of Google for workplace or personal use. A demonstration will be provided to highlight the basics as well as more advanced features of storing data and information, saving important files, and leveraging Microsoft Word and Excel.

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May 13 @ 1:00 pm



TIPS TO DETERMINE INCOME FOR CHILD SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE PURPOSES

*Gwendolyn J. Sterk
Sterk Family Law Group, P.C.*

successfully started her own law firm, Sterk Family Law Group, P.C., in 2015. Gwendolyn and her team believe in a holistic approach to the practice of family law and strive to not only service a client's legal needs, but also help manage a client's emotional and over-all well-being. Ms. Sterk and the Family Law team work hard to establish connections with a vast network of counselors, support groups, and various other non-traditional service providers, who the team regularly partners with to assist clients on a case by case basis. Sterk Family Law Group strives to provide clients with the tools they need to be empowered by their life changes, and be encouraged to move on with integrity and dignity.

Tips to Determine Income for Child Support and Maintenance

Purposes: As a Paralegal, many facets of your role may include trying to decipher sensitive, financial information which can at times seem overwhelming and often, confusing. Attorney Gwendolyn J. Sterk, Sterk Family Law Group, P.C. will discuss ways to guide you through the process to determine income for child support and maintenance for family law clients.

Gwendolyn J. Sterk has been practicing family law since 1989 and

May 18 @ 12:00 pm



THE PARALEGAL PROJECT MANAGEMENT TOOLKIT

*Trish Uhl, PMP, CPLP
Owl's Ledge LLC*

checklists and templates they can use immediately on-the-job to improve how they manage projects in today's fast-paced legal environments. This program is appropriate for all paralegals, regardless of experience or practice area.

The Paralegal Project Management Toolkit: Designed for "accidental project managers" – those who suddenly find themselves trying to manage projects as part of their day-to-day jobs -- this program features a highly interactive scenario-based session by immersion into an actual project. Through experiential learning, participants discover a consistent process and repeatable framework they can use to effectively manage project communications, tasks, schedule, scope, quality, and budget. Participants will leave the program with a "toolkit" containing

A former Project Manager for Winston & Strawn, Trish Uhl has 20+ years of experience as a seasoned trainer, facilitator, project manager, change manager, consultant, and coach.

As a globally recognized Project Management Professional (PMP®) and Certified Professional in Learning & Performance (CPLP®) Trish is recognized for her passion for peer development. She has facilitated project management workshops throughout the United States and in the Middle East.

Trish is a long-time speaker at the Illinois Paralegal Association (IPA) Education Conferences and a contributing author to multiple books on the topics of project management, sales, learning & performance, and technology & teams.

To learn more about Trish Uhl's body of work, visit her Amazon.com Author Page at: <http://amazon.com/author/trishuhl>.

May 20 @ 12:00 pm



**EFFECTIVE LEGAL RESEARCH -
BECAUSE YOUR CAREER
DEPENDS ON IT**

Nicholas Kourvetaris
Attorney
O'Hagan Meyer

Effective Legal Research – Because Your Career Depends On It:

Ever wondered what separates the legal profession's most successful professionals from the mediocre....or what separates those legal professionals who always seem to get the more interesting, thought-provoking assignments from those who get stuck with the mundane, mind-numbing assignments? Effective Legal Research skills. Sharpened and perfected Legal Research skills are absolutely essential and the outcome of a client's case can hinge entirely and only upon the effectiveness of the legal

research conducted. If longevity in your career as a paralegal is important to you, knowing how to conduct effective legal research is critical. Come learn how to further hone your research skills to be more indispensable to the attorneys you work with and to avoid some of the pitfalls that will undeniably befall the ineffective researcher.

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May 25 @ 12:00 pm



**ETHICS AND THE PARALEGAL:
IT'S THE REAL WORLD OUT
THERE!**

Caren Mansfield, CP, ILAP
Paralegal
Baker, Baker & Krajewski LLC

Sharon Patterson
UCC Compliance Supervisor
Mayer Brown LLP

Ethics and the Paralegal: It's the Real World Out There!

Join Caren Mansfield and Sharon Patterson for a real world discussion of Ethics as a paralegal. Review the Codes of Ethics of NFPA, NALA and the ABA. Touch on how knowledge of ethics is critical due to what's going on today in technology, interactions with others, working from home, security issues, social media and working with clients. Learn about what not to do from past mistakes of other paralegals. This will be a fast paced and fun look at how ethics affects paralegals every day.

Sharon Patterson has worked in the legal industry in a variety of specialty areas for 36 years, 32 of those as a paralegal. For the past 27 years, her expertise has been in Commercial Finance and Real Estate. Sharon is currently employed as the UCC Compliance Supervisor at Mayer Brown LLP. She received her Paralegal Associates Degree from Cecil College in Asheville, North Carolina, and her Bachelor of Arts double major in Business Administration and Paralegal Studies from Mars Hill College in Mars Hill, North Carolina. Sharon has been a member of the Illinois Paralegal Association since 1998, and served on its Board of Directors from 2003 to 2014. She has been past President, past Vice President, and currently Chairs both the Commercial Finance Section and the Education Committee.

Caren Mansfield has been employed as a paralegal since 1987 by the same firm. She is employed by the law offices of Baker, Baker & Krajewski LLC in Springfield, Illinois and specializes in labor and employment law litigation. She is a graduate of the American

Institute for Paralegal Studies and obtained the credential of Certified Legal Assistant (now Certified Paralegal) in 1996. She has been a member of the Illinois Paralegal Association since 1988 and served on its Board of Directors from 1989 to 2020. She has held the offices of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. The year she was President the IPA saw its highest membership. She has participated as a speaker at the IPA's Education Seminars, at an NFPA Education Seminar, and in other public settings on topics ranging from Discovery, Ethics, Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Filing a Charge of Discrimination through Trial, Law Office Administration and more. For 17 years she submitted articles regarding paralegals several times a month to the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin's Legal Employment Weekly. She serves as a mentor to paralegals.

Caren served on the advisory board to the Sangamon State University (now University of Illinois-Springfield) Legal Studies program and the advisory board to the Robert Morris University paralegal program. She currently serves on the Triton College Advisory Board.

May 26 @ 1:00 pm



**HOW CAN THE LEGAL FUNCTION
ADD VALUE TO BUSINESS?**

*Edward Little
Account Executive
Contract Wrangler*

How Can The Legal Function Add Value to Business?: This presentation will discuss how law firms/in-house teams can leverage machine learning technology in their day-to-day business operations. The main technology discussed will be contract management software. However, the presenter will also touch on legal spend software, matter management systems and e-discovery technologies.

Edward Little is a former Illinois family law / e-discovery attorney residing in San Francisco, CA. Currently, he is an Account Executive with Contract Wrangler, a cutting edge AI Contract Management Software. Edward is a cross-trained attorney with extensive experience in leveraging technology within the legal profession. In 2013 he received his B.S from Southern Illinois University- Edwardsville. In 2016 he received his Juris Doctorate from Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Additionally, he holds an MBA from Washington University in St. Louis, Mo.