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A NEWSLETTER ABOUT THE LEGAL PARAPROFESSIONAL (LP) PROGRAM



Free Legal Paraprofessional CLE: Best Practices for Family Law Evidentiary Hearings

Mon., Oct 3
Noon-1pm

Are you an LP looking for FREE CLE about family law issues? Are you a student studying to become an LP?

Zoom
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about

The University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law is proud to sponsor a free CLE focused on providing information about Family Law Evidentiary Hearings!

Learn best practices from **Zarina Aguilar**, a Tucson-based attorney whose practice handles family law, estate/probate matters, as well as business-related

joining the meeting.

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issues. Ms. Aguilar has a variety of trial experience and has helped clients in many different legal scenarios advocate their positions.

Please note that this CLE is best-suited for licensed LPs or LP candidates actively pursuing licensure.



Watch Now! LawCats Live LP Recording

Did you miss the first-ever LawCats Live focused on the Legal Paraprofessional? Not to worry, we recorded it for you: **Building a Legal Paraprofessional Program to Address Arizona's Justice Gap.**

Vice Chief Justice Anne Timmer, Judge Maria Elena Cruz and Aaron Nash, Director of the Arizona Administrative Office of the Courts Certification and Licensing Division provided a roundtable discussion centered on how to build an LP program that will bridge the access to justice gap, as well as timely program and licensing process updates. Moderated by **Keith Swisher**, Professor of Legal Ethics and Director of the BA in Law and MLS programs.

LP Numbers Continue to Grow + Administrative Law Exam Update

The ranks of licensed Legal Paraprofessionals (LPs) continues to grow. On September 26th, four more LPs received their license at the Board of Nonlawyer Legal Service Providers meeting. The totals now stand as follows:

- 26 licensees approved by Board of Nonlawyer Legal Service Providers as of September 26, 2022
- 24 family law, 2 civil, 1 criminal (one LP has two endorsements—Family and Civil)

- 11 candidates have passed the exams and are navigating the licensing process (9 family law, 1 civil, 1 criminal)

Family law continues to be the most popular area of licensure.

In other news, LPs interested in the Administrative Law Endorsement area will finally get the chance to take the Administrative Law exam before the end of the year. The much anticipated question bank was received and will be before the Board of Nonlawyer Legal Service Providers at their next meeting in November.

The Administrative Office of the Court is also continuing their work with state agencies to create and publish a list of agencies that will allow LPs to appear. It is possible that the very first LPs with an Administrative Law Endorsement will be applying for licensure before the end of the year.

IN THE NEWS

As the cost to hire a lawyer climbs, some states let non-lawyers provide legal advice

Programs that train and license "legal technicians" to handle family law matters are seen as a way to close the "justice gap" and make services more affordable.

NBC News

IAALS' Comment in Support of the Colorado Licensed Legal Paraprofessionals Program

The comment below was submitted by IAALS to the Colorado Supreme Court on September 14, 2021, in support of the Colorado Licensed Legal Paraprofessionals Program.

Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System (Blog)

DATES + DEADLINES

OCT
05

LP License Exam

Afternoon session only

OCT
12

LP License Exam

Morning and afternoon sessions

OCT
19

LP License Exam

Morning session only

NOV
02

LP License Exam

Morning session only

NOV
09

LP License Exam

Morning and afternoon sessions

NOV
16

LP License Exam

Afternoon session only

DEC
15

Arizona Law MLS Application Deadline

For spring 2023 start

JAN
20-21

First Annual LP Summit

Save the dates now + more information to come!

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Visit the University of Arizona **Legal Paraprofessional website** for more information about our educational programming to prepare future LPs!

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