



HMPA President's Message

Whew! What a whirlwind August has been here at HMPA! We hope that you have taken advantage of all the opportunities we have provided to you this month.

We kicked off August with our CLE luncheon on the "Principles and Pitfalls: Privileges and Preservation of Evidence" and was presented by Yvonne Ho and Walter Simons of Bracewell LLP. This CLE was top-notch! Ms. Ho and Mr. Simons took a deep-dive into the attorney-client privilege, the work-product privilege and spoliation. The feedback from our 50+ attendees was incredible.

HMPA is proud to be able to offer scholarship opportunities to its members. Our 2019 TAPS Scholarship in Memory of former HMPA Board Member Pamela Ford was awarded to Mr. Esteban Martinez of Cain Craton & James. Congratulations, Esteban! Be sure to read his award-winning article in this edition of The Burden of Proof.

We also held our Grand Prize Summer Membership Sweepstakes for one lucky winner to enjoy a Staycation at The Post Oak Hotel. Drum roll, please ... and the winner is ... Kathy Kersh of Caddell Chapman! Congratulations, Kathy!

On Friday, August 16th, HMPA continued the fun and networking opportunities as we celebrated our members, 80's style, with a night out at Pete's Dueling Piano Bar. Thank you to all the HMPA members who joined in on the fun! We were able to give out over \$2,500 worth of gift cards and prizes to our members and their guests. A BIG SHOUT OUT to all the generous sponsors and to HMPA Social Chair, Melissa Skillern, for making HMPA Members' Night a huge success! Stay tuned for the evidence (I mean pictures – ha ha)!

Of course, all these great events would not be possible with our HMPA Board of Directors. I must say that I am super proud of the 2019 HMPA Board and committee members for the work they do behind the scenes to make these educational and network opportunities available to you and giving back to our profession. The next time you see an HMPA Board member, please take a minute to give them a word of praise or just tell them what HMPA means to you. Of course, there is still room on the Board for you too (wink, wink)!

We will see you at our September CLE! In the meantime, if you have any suggestions or comments, please send me an email at President@HoustonParalegals.org.



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