



SOUTH JERSEY PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION

New Member Application

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Thank you for your interest in the South Jersey Paralegal Association. We look forward to you joining our membership and being a part of the benefits and the networking team. If approved, the membership will require an annual renewal. Please visit our website for the Membership Renewal Application, under the Membership tab.

(A) PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

NAME: _____ Birthday Month/Day _____

Home Address: _____

Cell: _____ Home: _____ Work: _____

Email Address: _____

Employer: _____

Employer Address: _____

Employer Email Address: _____

May we contact/email you at work? Yes: _____ No: _____

Where do you wish to receive SJPA mailings? Home: _____ Office: _____

May we publish your information in the Membership Directory and/or the SJPA Newsletter?

Yes: _____ No: _____

As a member of SJPA, you are automatically a member of the Nation Federation of Paralegals ("NFPA"). Be advised that NFPA does send member information to vendors. If you do not want your information sent to vendors, please check "No" and SJPA will inform NFPA. If you check "Yes" your information will be given to the Vendors. Yes _____ No _____

Please tell us why you want to join SJPA: _____

Topic(s) of interest for CLE seminars & speaker recommendations: _____

How do you hear about SJPA? School: ___ Friend/Coworker: ___ Online: ___ Other: ___

If other, please explain _____

(B) CHECK THE MEMBERSHIP LEVEL YOU ARE APPLYING FOR AND ATTACH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AS INDICATED. Note: You will be notified by a member of our Board when your renewal is approaching.

----- **Voting Membership (\$85)** is open to paralegals currently employed or retained as such, possessing (1) of the following below.

- Bachelor or Associate Degree in paralegal studies/technology
- Bachelor or Associate Degree in any field plus a paralegal certificate
- Certificate from an ABA approved or AAFPE member paralegal education program
- Certificate from a non-correspondence paralegal program, which is not ABA approved or an AAFPE member, and (2) consecutive years paralegal experience
- (3) consecutive years paralegal experience
- Include your Resume with Application

----- **Associate Membership (\$75 non-voting)** is open to paralegals who are:

- Employed or retained as paralegals but do not meet any of the criteria required for voting membership above.
- Graduate of non-correspondence paralegal education program and are currently unemployed;
- Previously employed as paralegals but are currently unemployed
- Members in good standing of a NFPA member association other than SJPA
- Paralegal managers, coordinators or administrators and are applying their past paralegal experiences and/or education, in their position
- Include your Resume with Application

----- **Student Membership (\$45 non-voting)** is open to students currently enrolled in (1) of the following:

- Name of School: _____
- Non-correspondence paralegal education program
- Paralegal education that is ABA approved or an AAFPE member
- An institution accredited by an agency recognized by the US Department of Education and offering courses at the post-secondary level
- Include Registration or Transcript with Application

----- **Sustaining Membership (\$115 non-voting)** is open to:

- Any person, partnership, corporation or entity, willing to support the goals and objectives of the South Jersey Paralegal Association

Make the most of your membership by getting involved in one of the committees listed below. Check all that interest you:

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| ___ Continuing Education | ___ Fundraising | ___ CLE Dinner Meetings |
| ___ Nominations & Elections | ___ Programs & Speakers | ___ Newsletter / Flyers |
| ___ Social Media/Marketing | ___ Annual Paralegal Conv (PES) | ___ Professional Development |
| ___ Website/Email Deployments | ___ Membership Management | |
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I understand that membership in the South Jersey Paralegal Association is not automatic. I am aware that the SJPA Board will review my application and if accepted, I will receive membership and my name will be placed in the SJPA mailing and email list. I shall notify SJPA of any changes in my address, email and paralegal status. I certify that the information provided in this application are true and that I meet the requirements of the category of membership for which I am applying.

Date

/s/ Signature

NEW MEMBER APPLICATION FEE (check one)

----- \$85 (Voting) ----- \$75 (Associate) ----- \$45 (Student) ----- \$115 (Sustaining)

CHECK ONE:

----- Credit or Debit Card payment has been made on the SJPA website via PayPal (no account needed). Enclosed is the receipt of payment. Email SJPA Application, along with supporting documentation to: **Cathy Kane @ cathykane@reddoorlegalservices.com**

----- Check has been made payable to SJPA and mailed to:
*SJPA MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
P.O. BOX 9
STRATFORD, NJ 08084*

Applications are reviewed and voted on during SJPA Board Meetings. Please allow 6-8 weeks for review and processing. Should you have any questions, please reach out to any of our Board Members. Email addresses are available on our website: sjpaparalegals.com

The South Jersey Paralegal Association is incorporated under Section 501(c)6 as a non-profit organization and as such, your membership dues are tax deductible. Upon request, SJPA will provide a statement to that effect. A portion of your dues will be paid for the National Paralegal Reporter, a journal published by the National Federation of Paralegal Associations of which this Association is affiliated.

Once you are an approved SJPA member, increase your career potential with the NJCP ® credential. This credential is only offered by the South Jersey Paralegal Association.

**New Jersey Certified
Paralegal (NJCP®)**

The SJPA Board of Directors adopted the NJCP Plan in October 2010. The NJCP credential is a voluntary certification for paralegals who are members of SJPA and meet the qualifications set forth in the NJCP Plan. The NJCP credential requires a renewal every (2) years. While reminder emails are sent prior to expiration, it is the member's responsibility to renew in order to continue to use the NJCP initials after your name.

Please visit our website for the application, forms and the NJCP Plan.