

NATIONAL PARALEGAL REPORTER THEMES 2013-2014

2013

- **February/March 2013 issue – ECONOMY AND THE LAW**
(DEADLINE **November 20, 2012**)
 - Mortgage Lending
 - new Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
 - Wall Street Reform
 - Bankruptcy
 - Employment Law
 - Foreclosures
 - Unemployment Benefits Law
- **April/May 2013 issue – ELDER LAW**
(DEADLINE **January 20, 2013**)
 - Elder Abuse
 - Nursing Home Litigation
 - Victimization of the Elderly
 - Home Health Care Providers
 - Hospice
 - Social Security
 - Navigating the System
 - Estates and Trusts
 - Pro Bono including Victim Advocacy for the Elderly
- **June/July 2013 issue – CURRENT ISSUES IN HEALTH CARE LAW AND BIOMEDICAL**
(DEADLINE **March 20, 2013**)
 - Ethical and Legal Issues
 - The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
 - Aging of the Boomer Generation
 - Peer Review and Contracts
 - Patents for Advances in Biomedicine
- **August/September – CHILDREN IN THE LAW**
(DEADLINE **May 20, 2013**)
 - Bullying
 - Juvenile Crimes (including school shootings) and Fair Sentencing
 - School Discipline
 - Adoption/Custody
 - Immigration/Asylum for Minors
 - Extension of Sexual Abuse Statutes of Limitations

- **October/November – VETERANS AND THE LAW**
(DEADLINE **July 20, 2013**)
 - Veterans Rights
 - Employment Discrimination
 - Disability Rights
 - Military Paralegals transitioning into Private Practice
 - Legal Resources for Veterans
- **December/January – PATENT LAW AND PRODUCT LIABILITY LITIGATION**
(DEADLINE **September 20, 2013**)
 - Change of U.S. Patent Process from First to Invent to First to File basis

2014

1974-2014 40th Anniversary of NFPA

A minor theme for all of 2014 will be NFPA's 40th Anniversary with an article every issue regarding the history of paralegals and/or NFPA.

- **February/March – ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORTS LAW**
(DEADLINE **November 20, 2013**)
 - Effects of Technology in the Law of Films, Music and Digital Media
 - Music Sharing
 - Video Piracy
 - Copyrights
 - Contract Law regarding Entertainers and Professional Athletes
- **April/May – PRIVACY/PARALEGALS IN CYBERSPACE**
(DEADLINE **January 20, 2014**)
 - Paralegals Connecting through Blogs and Social Media,
 - Online Resources for Paralegals
 - Online Paralegal Services (virtual paralegal)
 - A Day in the Life of a Paralegal highlighting Cyberspace tools used daily
 - Privacy issues involved in paralegal practice and online generally
- **June/July – GENDER ISSUES AND THE LAW**
(DEADLINE **March 20, 2014**)
 - Male Paralegals in a Predominantly Female Profession
 - LBGT Issues in School or the Workplace (including employee benefits)
 - LBGT Issues involving Surrogacy, Marriage, Divorce, and Child Custody

➤ **August/September – CELEBRATING THE PARALEGAL PROFESSION AND NFPA'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY**

(DEADLINE May 20, 2014)

- Where Paralegals Began, Where we are Going
- Lessons Learned
- Technology Advances for paralegals in the past 40 years
- The Paralegal of the Future
- Benefits of Association Membership
- Role of the Paralegal in 1974, 1984, 1994, 2004 and Today

➤ **October/November – ELECTIONS AND VOTER RIGHTS**

(DEADLINE July 20, 2014)

- Explaining the Citizens United Decision
- Voter ID and Voting Restriction Laws
- Redistricting Litigation
- Recounts and Legal Challenges to Election Results
- Voting Rights Act and Constitutionality

➤ **December/January – COMMUNITY SERVICE /PRO BONO**

(DEADLINE September 20, 2014)

- Giving back in the Season of Giving including
 - Tax Benefits of Charitable Donations
 - Paralegals as Ambassadors to Society
 - Importance of Pro Bono Hours and Tracking
 - Highlighting Association Projects
 - Paralegals Role in Pro Bono Cases