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Indiana Paralegal Credential Launches

The Indiana State Bar Association (ISBA) Affiliate Membership Committee announced in May, 2015 that the ISBA has adopted a voluntary paralegal registration program. The ISBA House of Delegates approved paralegal registration at its annual meeting in October, 2014 and in March of 2015, its Board of Governors approved the program with the implementation to begin July 1, 2015.

An applicant seeking ISBA's Registered Paralegal status must be a member in good standing of the ISBA and meet certain education or credential criteria. Upon approval, the paralegal will become an Indiana Registered Paralegal and identify said status with the initials IRP following his or her name.

To maintain the IRP status, there is a CLE requirement consisting of 18 hours of substantive CLE, 3 hours of which is an Ethics Component, over a 3-year period. A minimum of 6 hours of CLE, of which 1 hour must be an Ethics Component, is required per year.

The Affiliate Membership Committee of ISBA is extremely excited about this new chapter in the development of the paralegal profession in Indiana. For paralegals who aspire to a higher goal, the Indiana Registered paralegal status will both recognize and convey a person's commitment to competence with the emphasis on professional education and minimum standards for the profession.

NFPA thanks the Indiana Paralegal Association, Northeast Indiana Paralegal Association and the Michigan Paralegal Association for providing this update.

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Late Summer Reading Fun, Paralegal Style

I'm a bit of a book nerd, I admit it. I enjoy **the** smell of an old library. I have stacks of books in my basement that I have never read and never will read, but I like how they look. Walking around a good bookstore is like therapy for me...I have spent many a lunch hour doing just that.

While looking for my next must read, I came across some lists of suggested reading and office staples for paralegals. [25 Essential Reference Books Every Paralegal Should Own](#), [howtobecomeaparalegal.com](#) contains recommended titles from the more obvious choices such as "the Blue Book" to a novel in which the protagonist is a paralegal by day, law student by night. [Top Books Every Paralegal Should Have](#) by *The Paralegal Place* is a shorter list but does contain one e-discovery title.

A couple of my personal recommendations:

Who Moved My Cheese? An Amazing Way to Deal with Change in Your Work and in Your Life by Spencer Johnson is a motivational parable which reminds us that change is not only inevitable but is necessary. How we deal with that change is what keeps us satisfied and successful.

The Elements of Style, by E.B. White and William Strunk, Jr. is an essential read for paralegals to improve our understanding and use of the English language in our writing.

I keep a manual for Office programs on hand, always. While I am proficient at using Outlook, Word, etc., attorneys do come up with questions I don't know the answer to. I keep my trusty reference manuals by my side to save the day.

Finally, you know those text books that you paid way too much money for? They are actually useful from time to time. I still have most of mine and do have occasion to use them. While some are becoming out of date, others are timeless. My torts book, for instance, is a handy tool when I need to refresh myself on the elements of a less frequently made claim.

Happy reading!

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