



**2010**  
**Membership Renewal Statement**  
*Please print or type*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**RESIDENCE INFORMATION**

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION**

Name of Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title\*\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Duties/Area of Specialization/Practice Area\*\*: \_\_\_\_\_

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\*\* must be completed in order to confirm membership status

**HOW WOULD YOU PREFER THAT WE CONTACT YOU? WE WILL USE THE ABOVE INFORMATION.**

Mailing Address: Home  or Business

Each calendar quarter MPA sends all members' current mailing addresses to NFPA so you can receive the "Paralegal Reporter" magazine. NFPA sells its membership lists to outside vendors. Do you want to allow your name and address to be on the NFPA list (check here ) or if you want to "opt out" (check here )?

Phone Number: Home  or Business

E-Mail Address: Home  or Business

**MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES AND ANNUAL DUES**

*Pursuant to Article 2 of the Bylaws of Michiana Paralegal Association, Inc., a "Paralegal" is defined as a person, qualified through education, training, or work experience to perform substantive legal work that requires knowledge of legal concepts and is customarily, but not exclusively, performed by a lawyer. This person may be retained or employed by a lawyer, law office, governmental agency or other entity or may be authorized by administrative, statutory or court authority to perform this work.*

Requirements for Membership. Requirement for membership in the Michiana Paralegal Association is as follows:

1. Meet the definition of a paralegal pursuant to Article 2 as stated above; and
2. Be at least eighteen (18) years of age; and

3. Be of good moral character; and
    - a.) Not have been suspended or disbarred from the practice of law in any state; and
    - b.) Not have been convicted of an unauthorized practice of law in any state; and
    - c.) Not be currently under suspension, termination or revocation of a certification, registration or license to practice by a professional organization, court, disciplinary board, or agency in any jurisdiction; and
    - d.) Not have been convicted of a felony in any state; and
  4. Attempt to complete within each year, six (6) hours of Continuing Legal Education, of which one (1) hour is an Ethics component (unless the member is a student paralegal or an entity/organization which is a Sustaining Member); and
  5. Also attempt to complete within each year, four (4) hours of Pro Bono legal work.
- Voting (\$65.00) (Any person whose job classification is as a paralegal or as defined in Article 2 shall be eligible for membership as a Voting Member of MPA. If you have been a Voting Member for a period of two years or more and are no longer employed as a Paralegal as defined in Article 2, you may maintain your Voting Member status for a period of two years, after which you may maintain your membership as an Associate Member.)
  - Associate (\$50.00) (Any person who has completed a formal course of paralegal studies but who (1) is not currently employed; or (2) is employed in a position that does not satisfy the MPA definition of a Paralegal; or (3) is a retired former Voting Member.)
  - Student (\$30.00) (Any person who is currently enrolled in a formal course of paralegal studies.)

Please make check payable to:  
**Michiana Paralegal Association, Inc.**

Application and check should be mailed to our Membership Chairperson:

Erin Villeneuve  
 AM General LLC – Law Department  
 105 N. Niles Avenue  
 South Bend, IN 46617

**If you have any questions, please send an e-mail to:**  
[erin.villeneuve@amgeneral.com](mailto:erin.villeneuve@amgeneral.com)

**CERTIFICATION**

I \_\_\_\_\_ (Printed Name), hereby swear and attest that I meet the MPA Requirements for Membership as stated in this Renewal Statement.

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

Memberships run for the calendar year (January 1 to December 31). Dues are non-refundable and payable upon application. Dues may be deductible as an ordinary business expense, but are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. MPA membership includes membership in the National Federation of Paralegal Associations ("NFPA"). Dues are paid by MPA to NFPA, a portion of which pays for your subscription to the *National Paralegal Reporter*. In St. Joseph County, Indiana, MPA members are eligible for associate membership in the St. Joseph County Bar Association. MPA members are also eligible for affiliate membership in the Indiana State Bar Association.

## MPA MEMBER GOALS

The Michiana Paralegal Association encourages its Voting and Associate Members to complete six (6) hours of Continuing Legal Education each year (including one (1) hour on Ethics), and four (4) hours of pro bono service each year.

**I completed the following Continuing Legal Education courses and/or pro bono activities in 2009:**

### CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION COURSES

<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Hours</u>

### PRO BONO ACTIVITIES

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Hours</u>

**Name Printed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**MPA STANDING COMMITTEES.** Please indicate your interest in any of the following committees:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance/Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Job Bank     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity/Community Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Education/Seminars  | <input type="checkbox"/> Meetings     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National Affairs/NFPA         | <input type="checkbox"/> Student Liaison     | <input type="checkbox"/> E-Newsletter |

### **DINNER MEETING SPEAKERS**

What topics would you like to have addressed at membership meetings? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any suggestions for dinner speakers? \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS ARE WELCOME:** \_\_\_\_\_