Top 10 Reasons to become a Paralegal Member

1. Promote and expand the paralegal profession
2. Develop and further define paralegal job responsibilities
3. Advocate the effective utilization of paralegals to benefit the public and legal profession
4. Promote the continuing professional education of Paralegals
5. Members enjoy discounts at the CMBA (CLE, publications, events, free access to Fastcase legal research software, CMBA Conference Center reservations and more) as well as around Greater Cleveland through various relationships with local product- and service-providers
6. Give back to Greater Cleveland through pro bono and volunteer opportunities funded through the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Foundation: The 3Rs, Cleveland Homeless Legal Assistance Program, High School Mock Trial Competitions, Reach Out: Legal Assistance for Nonprofits, Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts and more
7. Network with other paralegal professionals locally and nationally, through CAP’s social networking opportunities (Facebook, Twitter & LinkedIn), and through member-only CMBA online communities
8. Act as a forum for interchange of information, ideas, issues and concerns of paralegals
9. Stay abreast of current legal news through our websites and subscriptions to all NFPA, CAP and CMBA publications and emails
10. Participate in CMBA sections, CAP committees, pro bono and community outreach programs, members-only events.

National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. (NFPA)

CAP is affiliated with the National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. The NFPA is composed of autonomous state and local paralegal associations located throughout the United States and Canada. Through efforts at the national, regional, and statewide levels, CAP joins with other paralegal associations to advance the professional standing of paralegals employed in both traditional and non-traditional roles. Through its involvement with other associations, CAP participates in the formation of policy on issues affecting the profession as a whole, and gains perspective from other associations nationwide. Each member of CAP is automatically a member of NFPA and is entitled to its benefits on membership including a subscription to NFPA’s quarterly magazine, The National Paralegal Reporter.

Giving Back
As a CMBA member, we invite you to join in our commitment to give back to Greater Cleveland by engaging in the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Foundation (CMBF).

The CMBF is the charitable arm and partner of the CMBA and raises funds to support the important public outreach activities of the Association, including: The 3Rs; The 3Rs+; Cleveland Homeless Legal Assistance Program; High School Mock Trial Competitions; Pro Se Divorce Clinics; Reach Out Pro Bono for Nonprofits; Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts; Law Day; Louis Stokes Scholars Program; Stephanie Tubbs Jones Summer Legal Academy; and the CMBA’s diversity and inclusion initiatives.
Joint CAP-CMBA Affiliate Membership ‘19- ‘20

Date ____________________________

- Mr. [ ] Mrs. [ ] Ms. [ ] Dr. [ ]
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- Gov’t [ ] Corporate/In-House [ ] Academic [ ] Other

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- Preferred E-mail for Communications [ ] Work [ ] Home

Username (member access to clemetrobar.org) ______________________

Password (minimum six characters) __________________________

Paralegal Education or Current School __________________________ Date/Anticipated Date of Degree (mm/yyyy)

CAP/CMBA members must be sponsored by an attorney member of the CMBA. Paralegal Students must be sponsored by the Program Director of their Paralegal School*.

Sponsor Name _______________________ Firm/School ______________________

Sponsor’s Address ________________________________ (*Qualification on case-by-case basis)

CAP Committees (Free to members, get involved with CAP and join one or more committees)

- [ ] Business Law
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- [ ] Job Bank
- [ ] Newsletter
- [ ] PACE
- [ ] Pro Bono
- [ ] Reg. Review
- [ ] Statewide Affairs
- [ ] Technology
- [ ] Website

CMBA Committees
Free to members, the CMBA also offers numerous committees, designed to enhance our members’ professional experience. For more information visit www.CleMetroBar.org/committees

Dues Schedule
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- [ ] Associate $95
- [ ] Student $55
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*All new and renewal applications will be reviewed for proper credentialing on an annual basis. Each category of membership shall consist of all qualified members in good standing who are not incarcerated nor have been convicted of a felony, who have properly submitted an application, and who have paid the applicable annual membership dues.