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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY: Jennifer Koch

Happy Fall to everyone! I hope that you each have a window to look out and view the wonderful changes that are happening outside. The trees are turning wonderful shades of yellow, orange and red and are creating a wonderful palette of color. The crispness in the air is one that brings excitement as it means the Holidays are right around the corner.

As the new President of CVPA, I want to take this time to give you a little information on my background. I grew up in Chesapeake, Virginia. I have lived in Hawaii,

back to Virginia and then to North Carolina. I am married and Tim is the Technology Education teacher at Fred T.



Foard. I am the proud parent of 4 great kids: Joshua (22), Lindsey (14), Justin (13) and Joseph (8). As a family, we are all musical. I am the choir director and pianist for our

church. If need be, I pull from my resources at home if I need special music, either instrument or voice, as everyone can play an instrument. In regards to my employment history, I was employed as a customer service representative at a local furniture company that closed its doors. I went back to school and received my AAS in Paralegal Technology. I am currently employed with Lewis E. Waddell, Jr. Law Office. It is a small office but a great first job. I am learning many different things with the help

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LAUGHTER--IT'S A STRESS RELIEVER

BY: Ellen Cranford

I receive so many comical telephone calls while I am at work and I wanted to share some of them with you.

Caller: I have a question.

Me: OK

Caller: How long do I have to change my mother's will.

Me: Is your mother still living?

Caller: No she passed away last week.

Me: Ma'am, You can't

change someone's will. Your mother is the only one who can change her will. Since she is deceased it can't be changed.

Caller: Oh well, my brother didn't like something in there and wanted to change it.

Political Signs Placement Regulated

By Cyndy Adams

October 1, 2011- New State Law: NCGS §136-32 Regulation of Political Signs

With the local elections in full swing, you have probably observed quite a few “vote for me” signs along the roadways and highways. Effective October 1, 2011, new laws went into effect:

(b) Regarding the place-

ment of political signs, beginning the 30th day before the beginning date of “one-stop” early voting under the statute, and ending on the 10th day after the primary or election day, political signs may be placed in the right-of-way of N. C. State Highways.

(c) A “political sign” is defined as any sign that advocates for political action,

and doesn’t include commercial signs.

(d) The person placing the sign must obtain permission from any business, residence or religious institution fronting the right-of-way where a sign may be erected.

(1) No sign shall be permitted in the right-of-

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ITEM OF INTEREST

*New Hours for Clerk of Superior Court Office:
8:30 am to 5:00 pm*



Law Update

By Beverly K. Moore

Just a few new Statutes that have recently become effective.

Medical Malpractice - N.C. Gen. Stat §90-21.19 Liability limit for noneconomic damages

Effective October 1, 2011, a \$500,000 cap has been placed on “non-economic damages” that patients can collect in a medical malpractice claim. Non-economic damages include pain, suffering and injuries. Medical bills, lost wages and other types of monetary losses are not included

in this cap.

In addition to the cap, a jury is required to use a higher standard of proof when determining negligence for emergency conditions.

Illegal Immigrant Employment – N.C. Gen. Stat. §64

NC is taking steps to prevent illegal immigrants from obtaining jobs in the City and County governments. The government agencies are now directed to use the E-Verify system to check the legal status of

applicants. The Verify requirement is to be implemented for larger NC companies in 2012 and smaller companies in 2013.

Sports – N.C. Gen. Stat. - §14-159.6 and 14-159.10

For all the hunters and fishermen out there: if you are hunting or fishing on land that has no trespassing signs or stripes of purple paint on the trees you must carry written permission slips signed by the landowner or you can be cited immediately by a Wildlife Agent.

Treasurer's Report

Submitted to Board of Directors 10-11-2011

Prepared by: Delores Deal



**Account Balance as of
September 30, 2011: \$2,692.04**

Community Outreach

We will make our second contribution to our "adopted" schools (Maiden Elementary and Longview Elementary) in January, 2012. Please bring your donations to the November and December meetings. A few of the items needed by the schools are ●Facial Tissue ●Pencil Pouches, ●Pocket Folders, ●Erasers, ●Glue Sticks, ●Composition Books, ●Pencils, ●Highlighters, ● Hand Sanitizer, ●Construction Paper, ●Copy Paper, ●Rulers, ●Crayon waterproof markers. If you need more information or have questions please contact Cari Burns, Community Outreach Chair, for additional information.



Political Signs

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way of a fully controlled access highway.

(2) No sign shall be closer than three feet from the edge of the payment of the road.

(3) No sign shall obscure

motorist visibility at an intersection.

(4) Signs may not be higher than 42" above the edge of the road pavement.

(5) The sign must be 864 square inches or less in size.

(6) No sign shall obscure or replace another sign.

(e) It's a class 3 misdemeanor for a person to steal, deface, vandalize or unlawfully remove a political sign that is lawfully placed under this section.

President's Message

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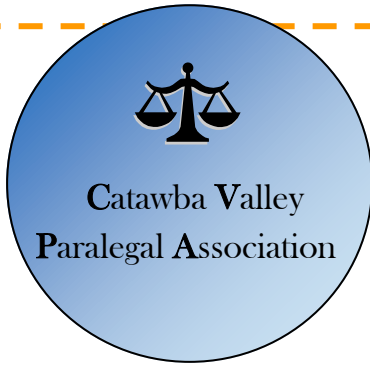
of my office but also with the help of other paralegals. CVPA has a great network of paralegals with different types of experience.

I look forward to the coming year and hope that the excitement that the Board has grows and flows over to the association as a whole. We are looking to try new and different things. So be on the look-out for fresh, new ideas. As always,

we appreciate your suggestions and want to make CVPA the best organization it can be.

Jennifer





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Knowledge is Power

WHAT ARE YOU MISSING?

MONTHLY RAFFLES!

All you have to do is attend the CVPA monthly meetings for a chance to win.

Two lucky CVPA members have each won a \$25 gift card, but you don't have to be a member to win—just your attendance and payment for any CPE is required.

Congratulations to our winners!

Christel East at the September meeting,

And

Jerri Lee Craig at the October meeting.



Up-coming CPE's and Monthly Meetings

Mark your calendars! Plan now to attend our monthly meetings held on the 2nd Tuesday in each month at 6:00 pm at Catawba Valley Community College Auditorium. [Raffle drawing at each meeting.](#)

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| November 8: | Attorney Wes Barkley—Driving Under the Influence |
| December 13: | Holiday Social—TBA |
| January 10: | Bill Morgan—Ethics: The Unauthorized Practice of Law |

**CVPA WELCOMES JOANN TRIBLE AND BOBBIE H. LITTLE,
NEW MEMBERS FOR THE 2011-2012 YEAR**