



PARALEGAL LEGEND AWARD (2017)

The **PARALEGAL LEGEND AWARD** (formerly known as the Paralegal of the Year Award) is an honor developed to recognize a deserving St. Louis Paralegal Association member whose exemplary performance as an employee has had a positive impact on the paralegal profession, including contributions to his or her employer and colleagues and the paralegal profession in general.

NOMINATION PROCESS: A two (2) page maximum description of the nominee's initiative beyond typical job duties to enhance team members and how this expanded role has been a value add to the paralegal's employer and/or others. Additionally, explain how his/her demonstrated efficiency, professionalism, increased visibility or other factors have been a positive result of the paralegal's initiative. Detail how his/her efforts have been recognized and appreciated by those for whom the paralegal performs paralegal duties.

CRITERIA: Candidates **MUST** be a St. Louis Paralegal Association Voting or Associate member in good standing at the time of the award. Paralegals working as traditional or independent paralegals are eligible to receive this award. Freelance or independent paralegal nominees (within the scope of the authorized practice of law) may be nominated by clients. All nominations **MUST** be signed.

JUDGES: Judges for these awards will consider the two page description with particular attention to the initiative taken by the paralegal, overall contributions for the legal team with which the paralegal works, the framework within which the paralegal functions on the job and how the paralegal has changed that framework, and the effects the initiative has had on the paralegals in the organization. The winners will be chosen on the basis of her or his impact on expanding the paralegal profession and contributions to the paralegal's employer, colleagues, and the paralegal profession in general.

NOTE: Any incoming or outgoing board members **ARE** eligible for this award.

AWARD PRESENTATION: This award will be presented during our Annual Paralegal Day Luncheon on Friday, May 5, 2017.

Please send nominations to: Michelle Caracci, STLPA President
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Nominations must be received **NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2017**. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Caracci at mcaracci@lashlybaer.com or 314.436.8313.

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