

# STLPA 49th Annual Paralegal Day — *The Pursuit of* — **Truth and Justice**

River City Casino & Hotel

777 River City Casino Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63125



MAY 8TH | REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 11:15AM

# Come Join Us!



**Dear Members, Business  
Partners, Vendors and  
Guests**



*It is with great pleasure that I extend this invitation to our 49th Annual Paralegal Day hosted by the St. Louis Paralegal Association. This gathering serves as a testament to our dedication to the legal profession and the invaluable contributions made by each and every one of you. This year, we're exploring the pursuit of truth and justice with a look at what it takes to assist the wrongly convicted to get them exonerated. Join us as we celebrate another year of growth, camaraderie, and professional excellence.*

*Warm regards,  
Ashley Milam, STLPA President*

**CLE Credit  
Pending with  
NALA**

Jonathan B. Potts

Partner with  
Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner



*Jonathan is a class action defense attorney and commercial litigator who represents businesses in high-stakes lawsuits throughout the country. He is the co-leader of the firm's Consumer Fraud Team. Jonathan has spent his career defending multi-state and nationwide putative class actions for clients in all sectors, including e-commerce, financial services, manufacturing, retail, and sports.*

*Jonathan also has a robust pro bono practice committed to wrongful convictions. In separate instances, Jonathan has exonerated three men wrongfully convicted of murder after spending decades in prison. In 2021, Missouri Lawyers Weekly named Jonathan "Lawyer of the Year" for the exoneration of client Donald Nash of capital murder. Most recently, the Circuit Attorney for the City of St. Louis appointed Jonathan as a special prosecutor to try the first prosecution-led wrongful conviction case in St. Louis history. In 2023, the American Lawyer named Jonathan "Litigator of the Week" for that trial, which resulted in the exoneration of Lamar Johnson after 28 years in prison for first-degree murder.*

# 2026 CHARITIES



## Midwest Innocence Project

The Midwest Innocence Project educates about, advocates for, and seeks the exoneration and release of wrongfully convicted people in Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska. We are an independent innocence organization that is a part of the national Innocence Network. Through partnerships with law firms, law schools, and volunteers, we provide the very best representation at no cost to innocent people within our region. We also support and empower freed and exonerated people post-release, and work to change the system to prevent wrongful convictions in the first place.



**Donate any amount in cash or via Venmo at Registration or via this link**

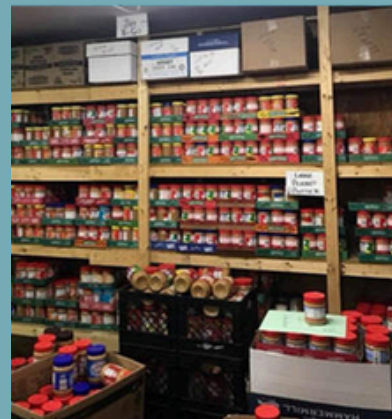
**STLPA Venmo for MIP Donations - Notate MIP Annual Paralegal Day Donation**



**Bring food donations and drop off at Registration**

## Brenden's Backpacks Food Drive

### Items to Consider Donating



- Kid-Friendly Canned Soup and Pasta
- Pudding or Fruit Cups
- Plastic jars of Peanut Butter (16 oz)
- Individual Packages of Chips or Pretzels
- Granola Bars
- Single Serve Cereal
- Peanut Butter Crackers
- Individual Cookie Packs
- Trail Mix
- Fruit Snacks

Hunger can affect anyone, and hundreds of children in our area suffer every day. These can be children in your neighborhood, children that your child sits next to every day at school or children your child plays with at the park. These children don't look forward to the weekends and long school breaks because often they know that they may not have much to eat until they go back to school. School food programs only provide free breakfast and lunch during the week but many times these families struggle to put food on the table over the weekend.

Brenden's Friday Backpacks began in 2011 with 4 children in a single school and has grown to a program that currently feeds over 1600 children in 60 schools throughout Jefferson County on a weekly basis during the school year. Every Friday, each child takes home a bag of single-serve, non-perishable, kid-friendly foods that can be easily prepared and last until the child returns to school the next week. The program is run entirely by volunteers and takes anonymous referrals directly from local schools.



**STLPA'S  
49TH ANNUAL PARALEGAL DAY  
\*REGISTER AND PAY ONLINE\*  
Scan the QR Code**

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER:  
APRIL 24, 2026**

**IF YOU WANT TO PAY BY CHECK WHEN YOU REGISTER,  
THEN BYPASS PAYMENT, PRINT A COPY OF THE  
REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION, AND SEND IT WITH YOUR  
PAYMENT (CHECK PAYABLE TO ST. LOUIS PARALEGAL  
ASSOCIATION), NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026 TO:**

**Ashley Milam, STLPA APD Chair  
STLPA Annual Paralegal Day  
Goldblatt + Singer  
8182 Maryland Ave, Suite 801  
Clayton, MO 63105**

**MEMBER - LUNCHEON/CLE/HAPPY HOUR \$130**

**NON-MEMBER - LUNCHEON/CLE/HAPPY HOUR \$140**

[Click here to register](#)

# Schedule at a Glance

## LUNCHEON/CLE

- 11:15AM REGISTRATION
- 12-2PM LUNCHEON, CLE AND AWARDS

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS - THE 2026-27 STLPA  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL BE SWORN IN  
BY NALA AT LARGE DIRECTOR - JEANNE  
ELLIOTT, ACP**

**CLE/FEATURED SPEAKER - JONATHAN POTTS  
A LOOK INTO JUSTICE FOR THE WRONGFULLY  
CONVICTED**

**AWARDS - WE WILL BE AWARDING SCHOLARSHIPS  
(STUDENT AND CP EXAM) AND THE 2026 PARALEGAL  
LEGEND AWARD AND 2026 RISING STAR AWARD**

**BUSINESS PARTNER & VENDOR SHOWCASE  
2:15-3:15PM - MANY VALUABLE BUSINESS PARTNERS  
AND VENDORS WILL BE PRESENT TO INTRODUCE  
YOU TO THEIR SERVICES AND ANSWER ANY  
QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE. OUR BUSINESS  
PARTNERS AND VENDORS ARE GREAT RESOURCES.**

**HAPPY HOUR AND ATTENDANCE PRIZES  
2:45-5:30PM - JOIN US FOR HAPPY HOUR AND NETWORKING.  
WE WILL GIVE AWAY ATTENDANCE PRIZES DURING THIS  
TIME. MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN ATTENDANCE PRIZES.**

# Buffet Menu

**Freshly Brewed Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee,  
Herbal Teas, Iced Tea, and Water**

**Fresh Baked Artisan Rolls and Butter**

## **Salad Choices:**

**Brussel Sprout Salad with Bacon Maple Vinaigrette  
Tossed Salad with Dressings Ranch and Vinaigrette**

## **Protein Choices:**

**Chicken Parmesan  
Roast Beef, Cippolini Onions and Natural Jus  
Pan Seared Salmon with Fennel & Tomato Confit**

## **Vegetables and Accompaniments:**

**Steamed Broccoli  
Herb Roasted Red Skin Potatoes**

## **Desserts:**

**Cheesecake  
Chocolate Caramel Cake (GF/Vegan)  
Goey Butter Cake**

**FOR OUR VEGAN/VEGETARIAN ATTENDEES  
WE HAVE A SPECIAL OPTION AVAILABILE INSTEAD OF THE BUFFET**

**ROASTED CAULIFLOWER STEAK WITH SAUTEED SPINACH, ROASTED MUSHROOMS, ROMESCO SAUCE**

**IF YOU PREFER THIS OPTION INSTEAD OF THE BUFFET, PLEASE MAKE THAT SELECTION DURING REGISTRATION.**

# Parking Information

Parking is available in the Garage or on the South Parking Lot. Take River City Casino Blvd past the Casino and hotel. Follow the signs to the garage parking.

**RIVERCITY**  
CASINO & HOTEL

River City Casino & Hotel  
Hotel Sales Office Event  
Arrival Directions

The map illustrates the layout of the River City Casino & Hotel property. Key features include the Railroad Site to the north, the Mississippi River to the south, and the main building complex containing the Casino, Hotel, Lobby, and Event Center. Several parking areas are highlighted: Visitor Parking (green), Garage Parking (yellow), and South Parking Lot (grey). A purple route with red arrows indicates the arrival path from River City Casino Blvd, past the Casino and Hotel, to the Garage Parking area. A north arrow is located in the bottom right corner of the map.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER

**Building Address:**  
777 River City Casino Boulevard  
St. Louis, MO 63125

**Visitor Parking:**  
Visitor parking is available in the Garage or on our South Parking Lot.

# *2026 Co-Chairs*

*Thank you to our 2026 APD Committee*

**JEANNINE MOENTMANN**

**HEATHER BAISCH**

**ASHLEY MILAM**

**JP KOZIATEK**

**ALEX BERRY**

**MARY SOWERWINE**

**PARRIS DIGGS**

**MARIE BACON**

**ROSE DILL-PICKLE**