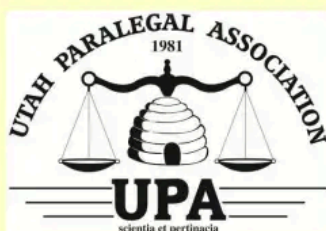


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Message from the President

If you are like me, you have come to the end of this year exhausted. We've been through a roiling election year, we have struggled individually and collectively with a virus that has burned across our communities, we are on the horizon of a possible economic collapse that threatens to undo so many of our households, neighborhoods, friends, families.

And yet, I look around and find lots of reasons to be hopeful. I see us connecting and working in new ways. I see people stepping up to embrace new challenges and become active in new communities to promote change.

UPA has a new board with faces that are both familiar and new and we are looking forward to harnessing the emerging technologies of today to bring you CLEs on more convenient platforms, especially if you are off the Wasatch Front or outside the Salt Lake City area and haven't been able to attend our monthly brown bags.

The Licensed Paralegal Practitioner (LPP) is a growing segment of our profession and offers exciting possibilities for expanded responsibilities, compensation, and professional growth to paralegals in Utah. We are fortunate to have the support of the Utah State Bar and the Supreme Court in this fledging profession.

If any of you are interested in exploring the opportunities this new professional license offers, please contact me. I am always happy to talk to, to encourage, to help those who are thinking about taking on these new challenges and opportunities. I would also love to hear from paralegals and LPPs about how your firms are thinking about LPPs, working with LPPs, and/or creating new departments to take advantage of the revenue streams being opened by LPPs. If any of you are thinking about or are launching your own practices, let's talk about the rewards and challenges that presents.

A New Year awaits, may you find it your best year yet!

Sincerely,

Laura Pennock, CP, LPP