

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

GREATER LEXINGTON PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION, INC.

Member of the National Federation of Paralegal Associations (NFPA)

Please type or print clearly. All information must be completed exactly as you wish it to appear in our membership files and directory. An incomplete application will be returned. Please make checks payable to the GLPA.

_____ **Renewal** (Please complete all information) _____ **New Membership** (Please complete all information)

Name _____ Title _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Work Fax No _____

Employer _____ Business Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Email Address _____

PREFERRED MAILING ADDRESS: _____ Home _____ Office _____

Type of Membership: (Check One)

1 ACTIVE \$ 75.00 Annual Fee Areas of Specialization _____

Full-Time RP Certified _____ Yes _____ No _____

Part-Time

Temporary

2. ASSOCIATE \$ 30.00 Annual Fee

Student (Non-voting)

Attending Paralegal Program Offered at _____

Expected Date of Completion _____

Paralegal not employed as a Paralegal

3. OTHER: (Circle One)

Sustaining Member \$ **150.00 Annual Fee**

Adjunct Member \$ **80.00 Annual Fee**

WORK EXPERIENCE: (Begin with Current Employer)

Employer _____ Address _____ Title _____ Dates of Employment _____

Post High School Education:

Institution _____ Degree/Certification _____ Major _____ Date of Graduation _____

Other Associations which you hold membership:

Interested in being on a Committee? Please check below. (Note: You may be called upon to serve)

_____ Continuing Legal Education _____ Philanthropy _____ Newsletter _____ Student
_____ Special Events _____ Fund-raising Activities _____ PACE _____ NFPA

- Have you ever been convicted of a felony? _____ No _____ Yes
 - Have you ever been disbarred from the practice of law? _____ No _____ Yes
- If yes, please explain _____

The Purposes of GLPA are:

- Encourage fundamental educational programs and training to promote continuing legal education;
- Cooperate with the Kentucky Bar Association, the local Bar Associations, the Kentucky Paralegal Association, as well as the National Federation of Paralegal Associations to promote high standards of professionalism;
- Promote ethics and comply with the ethical code of responsibility adopted by the Association;
- Inform paralegals of developments in the paralegal profession and act as a forum for exchanging ideas and disseminating information;
- Encourage the expanded utilization of paralegals in all aspects of the legal profession;
- Further promote the working relationship between paralegals and attorneys in law offices, government agencies, corporations, and other institutions; and
- Increase the awareness of the public, the Judiciary, and the legal community of the scope of paralegal responsibilities.

\$ 20.00 of your membership fee goes to NFPA. All GLPA members receive the *National Paralegal Reporter* and the NFPA Newsletter.

Important GLPA By-Laws

1) Criteria for Membership: All membership applications must be reviewed according to the Association's Bylaws and § 3.5 (C) of the Bylaws of NFPA. Pursuant to our Association's Bylaws, as of the date of the application: the Association has the authority to investigate any questionable membership application submitted to the Board; Attorneys not eligible to practice law in any state, whether by suspension or disbarment, are not eligible for membership in this Association; and any individual convicted of a felony is not eligible for membership in the Association. In addition, **Active Member**, as of the date of the application, is any person who is currently employed as a paralegal and has: a. A bachelor's degree in paralegal studies from a traditional college or ABA accredited institution; or b. An associate's degree in paralegal studies from a traditional college or ABA accredited institution; or c. A bachelor's degree and/or an associate's degree in any field, plus a minimum nine-month certification in paralegal studies or a certificate from an ABA accredited institution in paralegal studies. As of the approval date of the Seventh Amended and Restated Bylaws, any applicant who has previously been a member of the GLPA under the minimum 5 years' continuous work experience requirement shall be grandfathered into the association and become an active member of same. An **Associate Member** is any student enrolled full-time or part-time in a paralegal training program, or anyone who meets Active Membership requirements but not currently employed as a paralegal. Associate members do not have voting privileges and are not eligible to serve as officers or directors of the Association. An **Adjunct Member** is any person who is a member of another paralegal association, excluding college related student associations. Adjunct members will receive the GLPA newsletter, but will not be permitted voting privileges nor be eligible to serve as officers or directors of the Association. **Sustaining Members** include any law firm, corporation, law-related business, institution, or paralegal educator interested in supporting the Association. Sustaining members will receive the GLPA newsletter, but will not be permitted voting privileges nor be eligible to serve as officers or directors of the Association.

2) Membership Dues: The renewal of annual dues shall be payable on December 1 and shall be received no later than February 1 of the following calendar year. No dues will be accepted after October 15 for the current year but will be applied to the following year. Members who join the Association during the calendar year and prior to October 15 shall pay the entire amount of the annual dues.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION TO: GLPA, P.O. Box 574, Lexington, KY 40589