

Happy 2020 Paralegal Day!

October 23, 2020



We're celebrating our paralegals!

Today, October 23, is National Paralegal Day. It's a wonderful opportunity to recognize those who wear many hats in the law firm and ultimately assist attorneys in delivering legal services to clients.

Ward and Smith is proud to celebrate today with our more than 40 paralegals across all five offices.

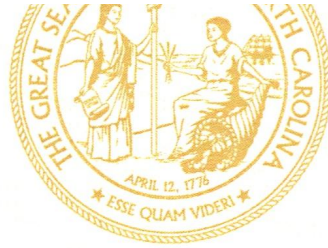
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Kimberly Allen	Cyndie Hancock	Tina Rodriguez
Robin Allman	Angela Henries	Jennifer Roeder
Janet Armstrong	Brenda Howard	Mary Rogers
Sheila Austin	Michelle Howard	Susan St. Clair
Phillip Brown	Sabre Jessup	Elizabeth Stallings
Sara Bryant	Rebecca Jones	Kati Stein
Donna Corpening	Sharon Kott	Pauline Swanwick
Stephanie Crosby	Deborah Kuiper	Sue Towe
Brittany Dail	Elizabeth Lee	Cathy Walker
Bahia Davis	Kateland Miller	Michelle Wallace
Susan Ezell	Bernie Orris	Christopher Wear
Sandra Fisher	Debra Parolini	Carol Weyerhaeuser
Norreen Furness	Jill Peters	
Kelly Goodman	Kathy Pruitt	
Deanna Gouty	Kerri Riso	

To correspond with National Paralegal Day, Governor Roy Cooper issued a proclamation also declaring today North Carolina Paralegal Day. The state is home to nearly 11,000 paralegals and legal assistants, according to the U.S Department of Labor statistics from 2019.





State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NORTH CAROLINA PARALEGAL DAY

2020

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, paralegals are dedicated professionals who provide exceptional support to law firms, government entities, private and public corporations, and the public, while maintaining a high degree of integrity and competence; and

WHEREAS, paralegals are qualified by education and training as well as demonstrated knowledge skills, and proficiency to perform legal work; paralegals in North Carolina uphold the highest standards of ethics and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, paralegals assist in the practice of law by conducting research, drafting essential documents, maintaining timely correspondence, and contributing their legal knowledge to the benefit of the profession and our state; and

WHEREAS, paralegals improve cost, efficiency, case management, client representation, and case flow, and advance the legal profession through continued training and education; and

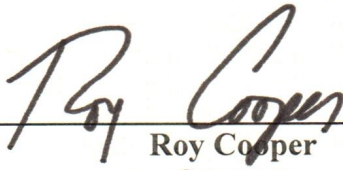
WHEREAS, Paralegal Day provides an opportunity to recognize paralegals for their skill and proficiency carrying out significant legal work under the lawful supervision of a licensed attorney; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina commends paralegals and paralegal students for their ongoing contributions to the legal profession and for providing valuable legal support to the people of our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 23, 2020, as "**NORTH CAROLINA PARALEGAL DAY**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.







Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this thirteenth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fifth.

Happy Paralegal Day!