

**2017
ANNUAL MEETING
AND CONFERENCE**

May 18, 2017



**DOUBLETREE BY HILTON BURLINGTON
1117 Williston Road
South Burlington, Vermont**

**VERMONT
PARALEGAL
ORGANIZATION**

*****MCLE AND NFPA CLE APPROVAL PENDING*****

REGISTRATION

Name(s): _____
Address: _____
Phone/e-mail: _____
Company: _____

I would like to register for:

- Half-Day Attendance¹
- \$65 Members
 - \$80 Non-Members
 - \$20 Student Member
 - \$23 Lunch and roundtable (non-student)
 - I will attend the luncheon
 - I will NOT attend the luncheon

I am interested in attending the following Seminars:

9:00-10:30

- Workshop A-Real Estate Updates
- Workshop B-Recent Amendments to Vermont and Federal Rules of Civil Procedure

10:45-12:00

- Workshop A-Discussion on myVTax website, and Functionality Around Property Transfer, Land Gains, and Certificate Requests
- Workshop B-Recent Opinions Issues by the Vermont Supreme Court and the Impact on Litigation Practice

1:30-3:30

- Roundtable discussion on the future of the paralegal profession, including educational programs and licensing. Also, discussion about the future of the Vermont Paralegal Organization and what members would like the VPO to focus on in this term. [No CLE credit applies.]

There will be door prizes!

¹ Price includes deli buffet lunch.

Send registration with check made payable to Vermont Paralegal Organization to:

Vermont Paralegal Organization, Attn: CLE

P.O. Box 5755, Burlington, VT 05402

Sorry, no refunds after May 5, 2017.

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FACULTY

Justin Barnard, Esq. Justin Barnard is an associate at Dinse, Knapp & McAndrew, P.C., and a member of the firm's litigation and appellate groups, representing clients before federal and state trial courts, appeals courts, and administrative bodies. Mr. Barnard came to the firm in 2014 from the Maine Attorney General's Office. At the Maine Attorney General's Office, Mr. Barnard served as a lead litigator for the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, handling class actions and lawsuits involving complex issues of constitutional and federal law. Prior to joining the Maine Attorney General's Office, Mr. Barnard served as a law clerk to the Honorable Kermit V. Lipetz on the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit and as an associate in the Silicon Valley office of Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan. He obtained his J.D. from Stanford Law School where he was Editor-in-Chief for the Stanford Environmental Law Journal.

Ritchie E. Berger, Esq. Ritchie Berger is a Director at Dinse, Knapp & McAndrew, P.C., head of the firm's litigation group and is considered one of Vermont's premier trial lawyers. He concentrates on the defense of complex civil litigation throughout Vermont and New England. Mr. Berger is a Fellow and Regent of the American College of Trial Lawyers, Past-Vermont State Chair, a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates, Past-President of Vermont Chapter, and is listed in Benchmark: Litigation, Best Lawyers in America, Chambers USA, America's Leading Lawyers for Business, and New England Super Lawyers. He regularly lectures and conducts seminars on trial topics and is co-author of Vermont Jury Instructions, published by Butterworth Legal Publishers. Mr. Berger obtained his J.D. from University of Maine School of Law where his National Moot Court Team was named Northeast Regional Champions, and he was named Best Oralist and awarded the Justice Lewis F. Powell, Jr., Medal for Excellence in Advocacy.

James Knapp, Esq. Jim Knapp is the Vermont Underwriting Counsel for First American Title Insurance Company. Previously he served as the Interim Director of the Property Valuation & Review division of the Vermont Department of Taxes and he was of counsel to the Burlington firm of Mickenberg, Dunn, Lachs & Smith, PLC, advising clients in a broad range of issues related to real estate acquisitions, financing, development and dispositions and matters related to the formation and management of business organizations. Mr. Knapp has also consulted with the Vermont Bar Association's Practice Management Program, advising attorneys and firms about resources to help with the application of technology to the practice of law and the management of law

offices. Mr. Knapp has held the position of state counsel to and underwriter for Chicago Title Insurance Company and Stewart Title Guaranty Company. Mr. Knapp began his practice as an associate and then as a shareholder at the Burlington law firm of Gravel & Shea. He has lectured for the Vermont Bar Association, the Vermont Paralegal Organization and other professional education providers on title examination practice and procedure, boundary law, common interest ownership projects, current developments in title examination, title insurance, and land use regulation. In addition, Mr. Knapp has participated as a co-presenter in presentations on professionalism and ethics. Mr. Knapp has taught the advanced real property law course as part of the adjunct faculty at Champlain College and a course in Law Practice Management at Vermont Law School. Mr. Knapp is a member of the Vermont Bar Association Title Standards Subcommittee and the Professional Responsibility Section. He earned his B.A. degree in history, with highest distinction, from the University of Maine at Orono and his J.D. degree, magna cum laude, from Syracuse University College of Law.

Elizabeth Hunt. Elizabeth Hunt is the Property Tax Supervisor for the Department of Taxes and lives in Barre, Vermont. She has managed the Current Use program for over three years and in June of 2016 began supervising the Real Estate Transaction program. Prior to joining the Tax Department Elizabeth worked at the Agency of Natural Resources. In her spare time, Elizabeth enjoys international travel.

AGENDA

8:30 – 9:00

Registration

9:00-10:30

Workshop A	Workshop B
Real Estate Updates - James Knapp, Esq., First American Title Insurance Company	Recent Amendments to Vermont and Federal Rules of Civil Procedure – Justin Barnard, Esq., Dinse, Knapp & McAndrew, P.C.

10:45-12:00

Workshop A	Workshop B
Discussion on myVTax website, and Functionality Around Property Transfer, Land Gains, and Certificate Requests – Elizabeth Hunt from Vermont Dept. of Tax	Recent Opinions Issued by the Vermont Supreme Court and the Impact on Litigation Practice – Ritchie E. Berger, Esq., Dinse, Knapp & McAndrew, P.C.

12:00 – 1:30

Lunch and Voting

1:30-3:30

Roundtable Discussion	
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