The 11 Top Paralegal Newsletters For Industry Updates and More

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The legal industry is evolving rapidly for both attorneys and paralegals alike. And paralegal newsletters can help you keep a finger on the pulse.

While paralegals traditionally focused on administrative matters, firms are increasingly employing automated tech solutions to handle these tasks. Therefore, paralegals are taking on increasingly complex tasks—and are generally finding new ways to be of value.

But the ever-increasing pace of change can also be slightly daunting. With so much going on, it can be hard for paralegals to know where they stand. Could you be doing more within your firm? How are other paralegals helping their firm succeed, and could you follow suit? Which trends and regulations are redefining how paralegals operate?

Fortunately, there's an easy way to stay informed: Signing up for paralegal newsletters. You may even help compile and publish your own law firm newsletters, and by signing up to receive newsletters from external organizations, you can stay in-the-know and up-to-date with ease.

So without further delay, let's dive into today's top 11 paralegal newsletters, suitable for all types of paralegals.

The 11 best paralegal newsletters to help you stay informed

The 11 paralegal newsletters we've handpicked below are fantastic resources, featuring insightful analysis and cutting-edge commentary. If you're looking to stay one step ahead of the curve moving forward then you've come to the right place.

The Paralegal Brief by the NALA

NALA—a non-profit organization that represents more than 12k+ paralegals—offers a ton of fantastic insights via its Paralegal Brief. Receive the latest industry updates and dive into topics ranging from what it's like to be a paralegal to how to create a killer resume for your next move.

With new articles appearing almost daily, The Paralegal Brief by the NALA is nothing if not fresh. Sign up for their newsletter to receive a carefully curated list of the site's best content, straight into your inbox.

The Paralegal Newsletter by the IOP

As the name suggests, the Institute of Paralegals (IOP) certainly knows its stuff. Their monthly newsletter features the IOP's take on the latest major updates for each practice area of the law, as well as information on legal events and conferences, job vacancies, or community support groups.

If you're looking to build a career as a paralegal, this newsletter is an unmissable resource.

Your paralegal organization's newsletters

You might be unaware that many paralegal organizations have their own members-only newsletters. Paralegal organizations offer more than just paralegal newsletters. The membership benefits include: Fantastic networking opportunities, a strong sense of community, and they help their members fulfill their professional potential. What's not to love? If you're not sure of which paralegal organizations to join, contact your bar associations—they'll be able to redirect you to the appropriate organizations.

Clio's blog newsletter

Here at Clio, we often create content specifically for paralegals. For example, check out this recent article explaining how to become a freelance paralegal, or, if you're interviewing for a new position, give this post about the 10 most common paralegal interview questions a read.

But don't worry, you don't need to check back in each week to stay up to date. Sign up for our newsletter to automatically receive our latest paralegal-specific content.

Paralegal newsletters for aspiring paralegals

Considering a career as a paralegal? If so, you can lean on newsletters for aspiring paralegals. For example, Emond, a publisher of paralegal studies books, produces an annual Paralegal Compass Newsletter. While only four pages long, it's filled with words of wisdom from experienced paralegals, directs readers to fantastic resources where they can learn more about the profession, and provides bite-sized insights on the latest industry trends.

However, note: Emond specifically produces books (and newsletters) for paralegals seeking to attain certification in Ontario, Canada. Bear this in mind if you're planning on working in another jurisdiction.

Practice-area specific paralegal newsletters

Legal practice areas vary greatly, meaning one-size-fits-all newsletters might not provide a huge amount of value within your specific area of the law. Therefore, it's worth also reviewing, and signing up for, practice-area specific newsletters. If you're stuck for ideas, we recommend checking out the following.

The National Law Review

The National Law Review is a fantastic resource for paralegals, offering a range of e-news bulletins that can be tailored by practice area. Sign up to their newsletter to stay aware of the latest benefits in your specific practice area.

Family law paralegal newsletters

If you work in family law, both the Family Lawyer Magazine's newsletter and the National Organization for Women's (NOW) Family Law newsletter are brilliant resources.

The Family Lawyer Magazine is recognized as one of the US and Canada's leading family law publications, boasting over 30,000 regular readers. Their newsletter features insights and commentary from some of the practice area's most well-respected attorneys. Thus making it perfect for professionals at all stages of their career.

The NOW's newsletter, meanwhile, outlines the latest news and information to affect mothers and children in family courts. Their paralegal newsletter is ideal for those working in firms that seek to protect women's right to custody over their children (especially when dealing with abusive co-parents).

Criminal law paralegal newsletters

Paralegals in criminal law should consider subscribing to the Criminal Legal News' dedicated newsletter, which provides breaking news and expert commentary on the latest issues affecting the practice area. Best of all, it goes out five days a week, allowing you to access new insights on a daily basis throughout the workweek.

General paralegal newsletters

If you're a generalist paralegal or you're open to working in different practice areas in the future, it's worth keeping up with general news affecting the legal profession.

So, how can you do this? Well, you could start by signing up for the ABA Journal's email newsletter. This weekly newsletter features news and analysis from across the legal spectrum, while you'll also receive the ABA's monthly roundup of the latest in LegalTech.

We also recommend Justisia Case Law's daily email summaries of local verdicts by US state. While you might not have the bandwidth to read all the verdicts every single day, signing up to the newsletter is an easy way to stay informed and updated with minimal effort.

Final notes on paralegal newsletters

By signing up for paralegal newsletters, you can stay on top of the ever-changing legal industry with ease. You'll better understand your practice area and your profession, so you'll become better at what you do. It's as simple as that.

Of course, newsletters aren't the be-all and end-all. Stay on top of the best legal blogs, or if you're looking to take your learning to the next level and propel your firm forward, grab your copy of The Client-Centered Law Firm, the #1 bestseller. You won't regret it.

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