



INFORMATION SHEET

The South Carolina Upstate Paralegal Association (SCUPA) was formed January 9, 1979 in Greenville, South Carolina in order to promote the paralegal profession and to provide a forum for continuing legal education for paralegals in upstate South Carolina.

Education is an important focus of SCUPA. At each monthly luncheon meeting, an educational speaker presents a program. This has become an excellent way for upstate paralegals to increase their knowledge and expertise. SCUPA also sponsors an annual legal education seminar.

As an affiliate of the National Association of Legal Assistants (NALA), SCUPA can provide to its members up-to-the-minute information on the paralegal profession nationwide. Current court decisions, administrative decisions, bar association decisions and paralegal association guidelines from other states are important in keeping up with national trends. In March 1990, SCUPA assisted NALA in administering the Certified Legal Assistant Examination for the first time in South Carolina.

On the state-wide level, SCUPA was a founding member of the South Carolina Alliance of Legal Assistant Associations. This group was founded in 1989 in order to promote the paralegal profession in South Carolina. Along with the Alliance, members of SCUPA are working toward achieving associate status in local and state bar associations.

Locally, SCUPA has participated in many civic activities. We have participated in the March of Dimes Walk, supported the Boys Home of the South, the Greenville Women's Shelter, Safe Harbor and A Child's Haven. Another annual project is our participation in Law Week, which is sponsored by the Greenville Bar Association.

SCUPA's membership has grown steadily from a group of 12 charter members, and our goals continue to grow and expand along with the paralegal profession.

Monthly meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 12:30 p.m. at the Poinsett Club, 807 East Washington Street, Greenville, South Carolina 29601.

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