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GAP and Genesis Make a Great Team

By: Christina Sheets
Newsletter Editor

Every year GAP participates in a community service project. This year, GAP has again teamed up with the Genesis Shelter. Genesis is "an emergency transitional community for homeless newborns and their families." GAP sent out an announcement that we would accept donations at our June meeting and we had an overwhelming response. At the end of the evening we took loads of supplies to Genesis. In addition to the generosity of our paralegal members our sponsors gave profusely as well. Thank you to the GAP Pro Bono committee for making this project possible.

Dranetta Love, Volunteer Coordinator at Genesis, joined us at our June dinner meeting. Dranetta invited me to tour Genesis, so that I could see how all the donations will be put to use. I took Dranetta up on her offer and Gina Farley (GAP Sr. Vice President/NFPA Secondary) and I went to Genesis to see their newly renovated building. Genesis recently moved and is now able to house up to 18 families and they hope to eventually expand to 24 families. The rooms where these families reside are not numbered, rather they are named with encouraging words such as "Hope", "Growth", "Honesty" and "Honor".

To become a resident at Genesis the only requirements are that you are 18 years or older and that you have an infant. Families typically live at Genesis for about six months but are allowed to stay for up to one year. Genesis provides for the needs of all members of the families they house. Each family is given a room that is equipped to fit their needs. They are provided with clothing and supplies. In the resident area there is a very large living room that has many comfy couches and recliners. There is also a laundry room, where detergent and supplies are provided. All of these items have been donated.



GAP members and sponsors helped load up trucks to deliver the donated items to Genesis Shelter.

The word "shelter" does not sufficiently describe the program at Genesis - the families there are given a place to live but they get so much more. The parents are given help in finding a job and take classes on parenting, interviewing, computer skills, money management and more. While the parents are learning skills that will help them when they leave Genesis, the children enjoy playgroups, activities and field trips and are enrolled in the neighborhood school. Genesis also helps these families get apartments and provides follow-up visits to the homes to ensure that the families are making it work.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Marcus C. Li, President
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Our membership appreciation meeting on June 8th was nothing short of being phenomenal! It was a special time where we came together to honor the essential role of paralegals in our legal community, celebrated paralegal pride and networked with professional colleagues. Please be sure to thank our vendor members for making this past event possible.

In the same evening, GAP sponsored the Genesis Shelter as our pro bono community service project. The Genesis Shelter provides a safe and temporary residence for homeless families with newborn babies. Your concern for the Genesis Shelter and their beneficiaries were remarkable as van-loads of items from the shelter's wish list were transported away from Anthony's Restaurant. At times such as these, I am especially proud to be associated with a fine group of caring professionals. It was incredible to witness the spirit of pro bono work, the profound joy found in thousands of champagne corks popping embodied the evening!

Summer marks the midpoint of the year and it is notoriously a great time to use up those hard-earned vacation hours from work. Hopefully in between heat waves you are able to strike a healthy work-life balance. Our organization has seen many positive changes and enhancements thus far in 2004. Great signs of a strong organization are usually measured by growth and goal accomplishment. As GAP continues to jet ahead, we are picking up new passengers and crew along the way. I am pleased to announce the appointment of Dwan Young, as GAP's Vice President of Continuing Legal Education. Dwan will work with all of us to put together paralegal-related seminars. Please drop him a note with your ideas for future seminars.

Best wishes for a safe and happy summer!

Marcus C. Li
President
Georgia Association of Paralegals

JUNE GAP MEETING

Genesis Shelter & GAP

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Along with their classes and play times the families all take turns doing chores to maintain the facility. There are curfews and schedules so that the residents learn the importance of having responsibilities and maintaining a schedule, which are skills that greatly help those that move out of Genesis and set up their own households to do so successfully.

Genesis is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. They exist solely because of donations of time, money and supplies from caring members of the Atlanta community. Right now, they are particularly in need of safe, age-appropriate playground equipment, and will take any supplies people are willing to donate. But most of all they need people to donate their time and volunteer to help to continue to make the Genesis program successful for years to come. To volunteer or make a donation please contact Dranetta Love at 404.522.6056, also see http://www.genesisshelter.com for more information.



Dranetta Love accepted a donation on behalf of Genesis Shelter from Russ Carnahan of Legal Eagle.

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NFPA NATIONAL CONVENTION - A NON-DELEGATE'S VIEW

by: Pamela Starr
V.P. Membership

A paralegal convention in Nashville ... not too far and we do have an office there so I took a chance and asked my firm for permission – and funding – to attend the NFPA National Convention this past April. I put together a whole package with the official brochure, a copy of the articles about the convention from the *National Paralegal Reporter* and links to the NFPA and GAP websites. I highlighted the various leadership workshops and continuing legal education seminars that I would be taking – and held my breath …I received the official 'okey-dokey' from the firm, sent in my application and fees and started making plans to go to Nashville. I am very lucky that Miller & Martin has been very supportive of my involvement in GAP.

The GAP board had discussed making it a road trip, so I grabbed Lyza Sandgren (Speaker's Bureau Coordinator) and Beth Magee (PACE Ambassador) and we started plotting. We set out on March 31st right after work in Lyza's classic Cadillac Coupe de Ville. We arrived at the hotel around 9:00 p.m. and were escorted to our 'suite'. So, we got our new rooms, settled in and headed downstairs to check out the meeting rooms and see if we could find other attendees. It turned out to be a quiet evening, except for the overwhelming need to stay up most of the night talking. Morning came far too soon and we headed down to sign in, grab a quick bite and attend the CLE (Continuing Legal Education) seminars.

The CLE seminars were wonderfully informative. Our choices included Complying with HIPAA Regulations, Discoverability of Electronic Documents & Communications, Research and Writing; A to Zs of Litigation and Corporate Technology; Disclosure Requirements Under Sarbanes-Oxley, Entity Formation & Maintenance, Streamlined Sales Tax Agreements, Copyrights and Trademarks, Developments in Mold Litigation, and How Much to Disclose About Client Relationships. By far, my favorite was "Time In A Bottle" Techniques for Managing Your Busy Schedule … Then of course, we had leadership workshops such as: Bill Writing and Monitoring, Writing and Presenting an Agenda Topic, ABA Approval Process for Paralegal Schools and Pro Bono.

Between seminars and workshops we had a chance to meet with vendors from all over the states. I brought back a lot of useful information and freebies. It was just like Halloween – going from table to table and grabbing goodies. Oh and lest I forget, the planning committee even arranged to have massage students available to give the attendees chair massages – what a treat!! We used lunch time and breaks to meet our counterparts from the other regions.

Thursday night we were invited to a reception and then we broke off into smaller groups and went out to dinner, schmooze and party. After the workshops on Friday, we went up to our rooms to change for some serious boot-scootin' at the Wildhorse Saloon. But there was a catch, each region was expected to participate in a scavenger hunt to get there and then compete in a spirit contest. We didn't win the scavenger hunt but as you can see from the photo, I did my best to represent Region III (even though my heart will always be in Texas) and yes, we won!



Saturday and Sunday were low key days for the non-delegates. The majority of the day was filled with official business – much of which Jennifer Kirkland reported on in the last newsletter. We were allowed to observe and that gave me an opportunity to really see how things work and how they sometimes don't work at the national level. It gave me a greater appreciation for who we really are as paralegals and it renewed my desire to really excel in my chosen career.

I am really looking forward to my participation in NFPA's 2005 Annual Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. Perhaps you will think about talking to your firm and decide to join us in Vegas ... remember, 'what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas'.

August 2004 GAP Dinner Meeting

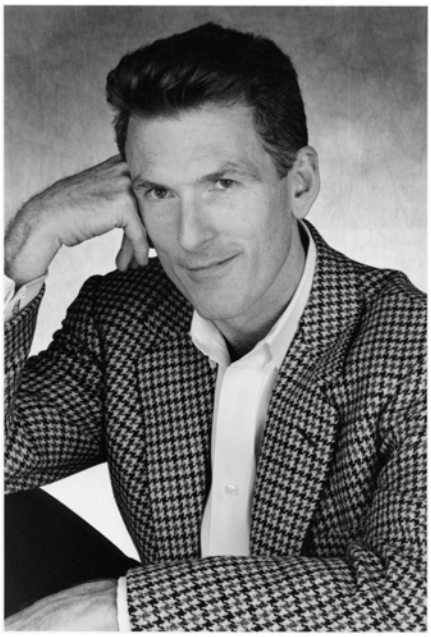
Judson Vaughn of JurisPerfect will be speaking at our meeting on August 10, 2004 at Anthony's, 6:00 p.m.

Vaughn is the founder of JurisPerfect, a communication, litigation and negotiation skills, and trial consultation company that is based on the principles of persuasive communication filmmakers use to deliver information and ideas, to direct the emotions and decisions of individuals and groups.

In early 2003, Vaughn, along with his wife, Katherine, launched JurisPerfect to teach Visually Directive Communication to lawyers and others in the legal profession. JurisPerfect has trained lawyers at every level from Senior Partners to Summer Associates. Some of the oldest and largest law firms in the United States are now JurisPerfect clients.

As a result of Vaughn's work as a research psychologist on a remarkably successful gerontological research project funded by the Episcopal Church in 1975, *"Alternatives to Medication for The Elderly,"* he was invited to Helsinki to speak at the annual meeting of the World Health Organization - one of the youngest researchers ever so honored. Months later he abandoned his career as a researcher to become an actor, writer and filmmaker.

In 1993 he founded a film production and development company called WHAT Films, in Atlanta. With his research background, Vaughn created a unique system of script and film development that was based not just on artistic vision, but also on precise, statistical research and testing. In 1997, three feature films came out of WHAT's process: Vaughn's "The Real Reason," in association with a division of Warner Brothers, Ben Taylor's "In the Flesh," and Nagesh Kukunoor's "Hyderabad Blues." Films created at WHAT have screened at festivals in London, L. A., Toronto, San Francisco, Chicago, Austin, Atlanta, Baltimore, Denver, Madras, Bombay, Calcutta, Philadelphia, Portland, Hong Kong and cities in South Africa, Germany, Italy, Australia and Mexico.



Judson Vaughn

At WHAT, Vaughn also began to teach and test a system of persuasive communication that he'd created during his years in Los Angeles. As thousands of people from virtually every profession learned the system, he (and they) discovered that using Vaughn's system made virtually every aspect of their communication more effective. From 1993 - 2003, WHAT Films trained more film actors, writers, producers and directors on a continuous basis than any company in the Southeast.

Over 20 years of development, research, testing, implementation and refinement (involving over 10,000 participants) went into creating Visually Directive Communication, a scientifically sound system for affecting the emotions of audiences and individuals, using precise communication skills that are based in biology and observations of the physical dynamics of human interactions. Over the last five years, Vaughn has taught these communication principles to crowds as large as 1,000 at speaking engagements in Los Angeles, Chicago, Seattle, Dallas, Houston, Minneapolis, St. Louis, Denver, Kansas City and Atlanta.

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REDUCE YOUR RISK OF IDENTITY THEFT

WHAT TO DO IF IDENTITY THEFT HAPPENS TO YOU

By: Gregg Reinhardt

In the last issue of *The Paragraph*, we talked about how to reduce the risk of identity theft. Despite our best efforts, we live in a society where personal information must be shared in order to take advantage of credit cards, on-line shopping, Social Security, and other services. Hopefully you won't ever need the information in this article. If you suspect that your personal information has been stolen and used to commit fraud or theft, take action immediately. The steps required depend on your circumstances and how your identity has been misused. However, there are 3 basic steps you should take in almost every case.

Step 1. Contact the fraud department of the three major credit bureaus (see below) and request a "fraud alert" on your file, as well as a victim's statement asking that creditors call you before opening any new accounts or changing any existing accounts. Be forewarned, this may introduce some inconvenience into your life. Simply establishing water service might require someone to "be at home" when they call to verify the request.

Order copies of your credit report from each credit bureau. Credit bureaus must give you a free copy of your report if your report is inaccurate because of fraud, and you request it in writing. Review each report carefully to make sure no fraudulent accounts have been opened in your name or unauthorized changes made to your accounts. Check the section that lists "inquiries". Request that inquiries from companies that opened fraudulent accounts be removed from your report. This must be done in writing, even if they accept the request by phone. In a few months, order new copies of your credit reports to verify that corrections have been made and to make sure no new fraudulent activity has occurred.

Step 2. Contact the creditors for any accounts that have been tampered with or opened fraudulently. Creditors include credit card companies, phone companies and other utilities. Ask to speak to someone in the security or fraud department and follow up in writing. It's particularly important to notify credit card companies in writing because of the way that consumer protection laws are written.

Step 3. File a report with your local police department or the police in the community where the identity theft took place. Get a copy of the police report in case the bank, credit card company or others need proof of the crime.

Other ways to take control

If you suspect that thieves have stolen mail, report it to your local postal inspector. Contact the local post office for the nearest postal inspection office or check the web site at www.usps.gov/websites/depart/inspect. The US Postal Inspection Service is a powerful agency that has been in existence in this country for over 200 years.

If you discover that a thief has changed the billing address for an existing credit card account, close the account. When you open a new account, ask that a password be used before any inquiries or changes can be made to the account.

If someone has tampered with bank accounts, checks, or ATM cards, close the accounts immediately. When you open new accounts, insist on password only access to minimize the chance of future tampering. In addition, if checks have been stolen or mis-used, stop payment. The major check verification companies can provide information about services to help you track stolen or misused checks:

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CrossCheck: 707-586-0431
Equifax Check Systems: 800-437-5120
International Check Services: 800-526-5380

If you ever have problems removing fraudulent phone charges from your account, contact your state Public Utility Commission for local service providers, or the Federal Communications Commission for long distance providers and cellular providers at www.fcc.gov/ccb/enforce/complaints.html or call 888-CALL-FCC.

If you suspect that someone is using your SSN to apply for a job, that's a crime. Report it to the SSA's Fraud Hotline at 800-269-0271. Also, call SSA at 800-772-1213 to verify the accuracy of the earnings reported on your SSN and to request a Social Security Statement. Follow up calls with written information.

The Federal Trade Commission collects complaints about consumers who have been victimized. The FTC can help individuals by providing information to assist them in resolving the financial and other problems that result from identity theft. If the need arises, you can file a complaint with the FTC by contacting the FTC's Identity Theft Hotline by calling 877-IDTHEFT or by mail: Identity Theft Clearinghouse, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington DC, 20580. Or use the web site at www.consumer.gov/idtheft.

For contact information on the 3 major credit bureaus please go to GAP's website http://www.gaparalegals.org.

Congratulations

New Jobs

Marcus Li (GAP President) recently joined InterContinental Hotels Group, where he is the paralegal responsible for liquor licensing and all liquor related issues among InterContinental's hotel brands within the United States and Canada.

Barbara Pylant (GAP Secretary) recently accepted a new position as Senior Legal Assistant with DS Waters, LP, a privately held joint venture formed between Suntory Water Group, Inc. and Danone Waters of North America, LP, which is a seller and manufacturer of bottled water for home and office delivery. As part of the Legal Department Team, which she told us includes three fabulous attorneys, she supports all departments within the company.

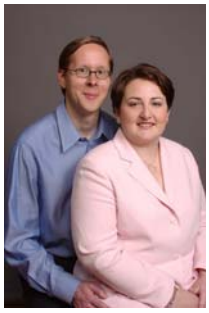
New GAP Board Member

We are delighted to announce the appointment of **Dwan Young** to the position of V.P. of CLE. Dwan has previously served on the planning committee of the Georgia Indigent Defense Council where he planned, developed and presented paralegal seminars. Dwan is currently employed with The Housing Authority of the City of Atlanta, Georgia.

Engagements



Charles Mingle (GAP Member) is engaged to Ms. June Sailors Sloan. The wedding will be held in Decatur, Georgia on Saturday, September 18th.



Christina Sheets (GAP Newsletter Editor) is engaged to Dr. Eric Weeks. The wedding will be held in Decatur, Georgia on Saturday, September 11th.

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- **NATIONAL FEDERATION OF PARALEGAL ASSOCIATIONS 2005 CONVENTION, "VIVA LAS VEGAS"** proudly hosted by the Paralegal Association of Southern Nevada - April 28-May 1, 2005 at the fabulous *Golden Nugget* in downtown Las Vegas. For more information, http://www.paralegals.org.
- Have you been thinking about becoming more active in GAP? Go to the Volunteer section of the GAP website to find out what opportunities the future may hold for you. Please contact any current Board member if you would like to become more involved!
- **Miller & Martin** is pleased to announce the expansion and relocation of its Atlanta office. On May 17th, we opened our new office in the Proscenium, located at the corner of Peachtree and 14th in the heart of Midtown. Please note our new address.

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PRO BONO

By Mizette Coakley
Pro Bono Chair



On April 17th and 18th, 2004, GAP co-hosted its first annual pro bono conference in conjunction with NFPA's ABA/EJC conference here in Atlanta. The organization's pro bono event was free to all paralegals and was entertaining and enlightening to all who attended. All of the speakers, which included our very own Connie White and Jennifer Kirkland were AWESOME!! Our "two years in a row" pro bono award recipient, Charles Mingle, was also on hand to answer any pro bono questions you could think off. Lori Thompson and Mike Monohan shared so much valuable information with all of us that I left the conference feeling like a newly educated paralegal. The conference was a huge success!

I would like to take this opportunity to inform all of you that our pro bono committee meets every other month that GAP does not meet. Our meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesdays at 6pm, at the location of the Windsor Over Peachtree in Midtown. Our next two meetings are scheduled for July 13 and September 8, 2004. Please mark your calendars and call the GAP office for more information.

The Board Members and the Pro Bono Committee members of GAP have worked diligently to define ourselves as DOERS…….and leaders in Pro Bono. Our dreams, like those of others in paralegal associations across the country, are limitless and we are visualizing the achievement of our dreams and making things happen! Some of our programs include individual client representation, class action or major litigation, legislative or administrative advocacy, working with community groups and focusing on specific issues such as community economic development, etc. Last year, we focused on working with Abandonment Court and assisted the Judge in clearing a significant number of back-logged cases.

As we move into the second phase of 2004, I challenge all GAP members to encourage a non-member to join our organization. Once a GAP member, consider becoming a participant in the planning and implementation of a very important pro bono project such as our current Probate Court Project or our upcoming DeKalb Watch project.

A big THANK YOU to you all for your generous contributions to the Genesis Shelter Project. You helped 18 underprivileged families ……. ***Unselfishly***. This is what pro bono work is all about!!

Why I Do Pro Bono Work? In doing pro bono work, I have the opportunity to provide an invaluable service to people that cannot access the legal system and remedies that we take for granted. Being that I am currently employed as a contract paralegal, pro bono work also allows me to learn about new areas of the law and develop important skills such as interviewing techniques. I also get the opportunity to meet paralegals and attorneys throughout the legal community. ***Most importantly, pro bono work is something I do as a way to use my professional abilities to give back to the local community.***

Another thank you to all the members who continue to work on all of our programs to advance our mission. We still have plenty of work to do. Let's keep going……..!!

Warm regards,

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2004 GAP CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Anthony's Restaurant ** 3109 Piedmont Road ** 5:00 cocktails - 6:00 dinner

Aug. 10, 2004

GAP Membership Dinner at Anthony's
Speaker: Judson Vaughn, JurisPerfect
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Oct. 12, 2004
(5:00 – 6:00)

GAP Membership Dinner Meeting at Anthony's
New Member Mixer: Sponsor: Andrew Grace Associates
Speaker: Evelyn Ashley, Founder, The Red Hot Law Group and Trusted Counsel of Ashley, LLC
Sponsor: **CT Corporation**
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Dec. 14, 2004

6th Annual GAP Holiday Party at Anthony's
Installation of the 2005 Board of Directors
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GAP MEMBERS ENJOY ANNUAL MEMBER APPRECIATION NIGHT



GAP BOD members meet many New Members at GAP "mixers" before dinner meetings



Fourth of July basket presented to New Member Aimee Hunter (r) by Dottie Pritchett (l)

PACE NEWS
SETTING THE PACE . . . PARAMOUNT STAFFING, INC.

Beth Magee, RP, PACE Ambassador
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Paramount Staffing is pleased to sponsor GAP's PACE Scholarship Packages including the 2004 RP Pin again this year. Known as one of Atlanta's leading staffing agencies specializing in the placement of all office support staff professionals, Paramount Staffing understands the importance of credentialing and seeks to promote increased educational opportunities while decreasing the financial burdens of those goals.

PACE, the Paralegal Advanced Competency Exam, offers experienced paralegals the means to establish credentials, validating the value of their experience and job skills and increasing their value to an organization and its clients. We hope that experienced paralegals will understand the benefit of this exam, and thus seek to attain the credentials offered by applying for the scholarships.

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If you meet or will meet the education and experience criteria and want to take PACE in 2005, or just think you may want to, what's the harm in applying for the scholarship? Keep in mind that you don't have to pass PACE to receive the scholarship.

To apply for the scholarship you must be a current member of GAP, agree to continue your membership in GAP as a Voting Member in 2005 and take PACE by December 31, 2005. Fill out the application form found on

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our website (www.gaparalegal.org) or available from the PACE Ambassador (Beth Magee, RP, beth.magee@onity.biz, 770.582.8093) and submit a statement of three hundred words or less explaining "How Being a PACE Registered Paralegal Benefits GAP, the Paralegal Profession, and My Clients or Employer."

Applications are due by October 15, 2004. E-mail, fax or mail your application to GAP headquarters (gaparalegal@mindspring.com, 404.522.0132, 1199 Euclid Avenue NE, Atlanta, GA 30307-1509). The PACE Scholarship Committee (GAP's PACE Ambassador and president, and a representative from Paramount Staffing) will review the applications and choose the recipients for the scholarship. The recipients will be announced at GAP's annual holiday party on December 7, 2004. If you're chosen as a recipient you'll be our guest at the party!

Say thank you to Paramount Staffing for its commitment to the paralegal profession in funding the scholarship and show your commitment to the paralegal profession by applying for the PACE Scholarship today. If you have questions about the scholarship, or PACE in general, e-mail or call GAP's PACE Ambassador, Beth Magee, RP (beth.magee@onity.biz, 770.582.8093).

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If you're a current PACE Registered Paralegal or renew or receive your credential before October 15, 2004 and don't have your RP Pin here's your chance to get one, thanks to Paramount Staffing, Inc. We will choose one member who is a PACE Registered Paralegal to receive the 2004 RP Pin at our annual holiday party on December 7. To apply E-mail, fax or mail your application to GAP headquarters (gaparalegal@mindspring.com, 404.522.0132, 1199 Euclid Avenue NE, Atlanta, GA 30307-1509) by November 1, 2004. Provide your name and contact information, a copy of your Registered Paralegal certificate or letter confirming you passed PACE and are currently a PACE Registered Paralegal, and a two hundred word or less statement on "How Being a PACE Registered Paralegal Sets the PACE of the Future."

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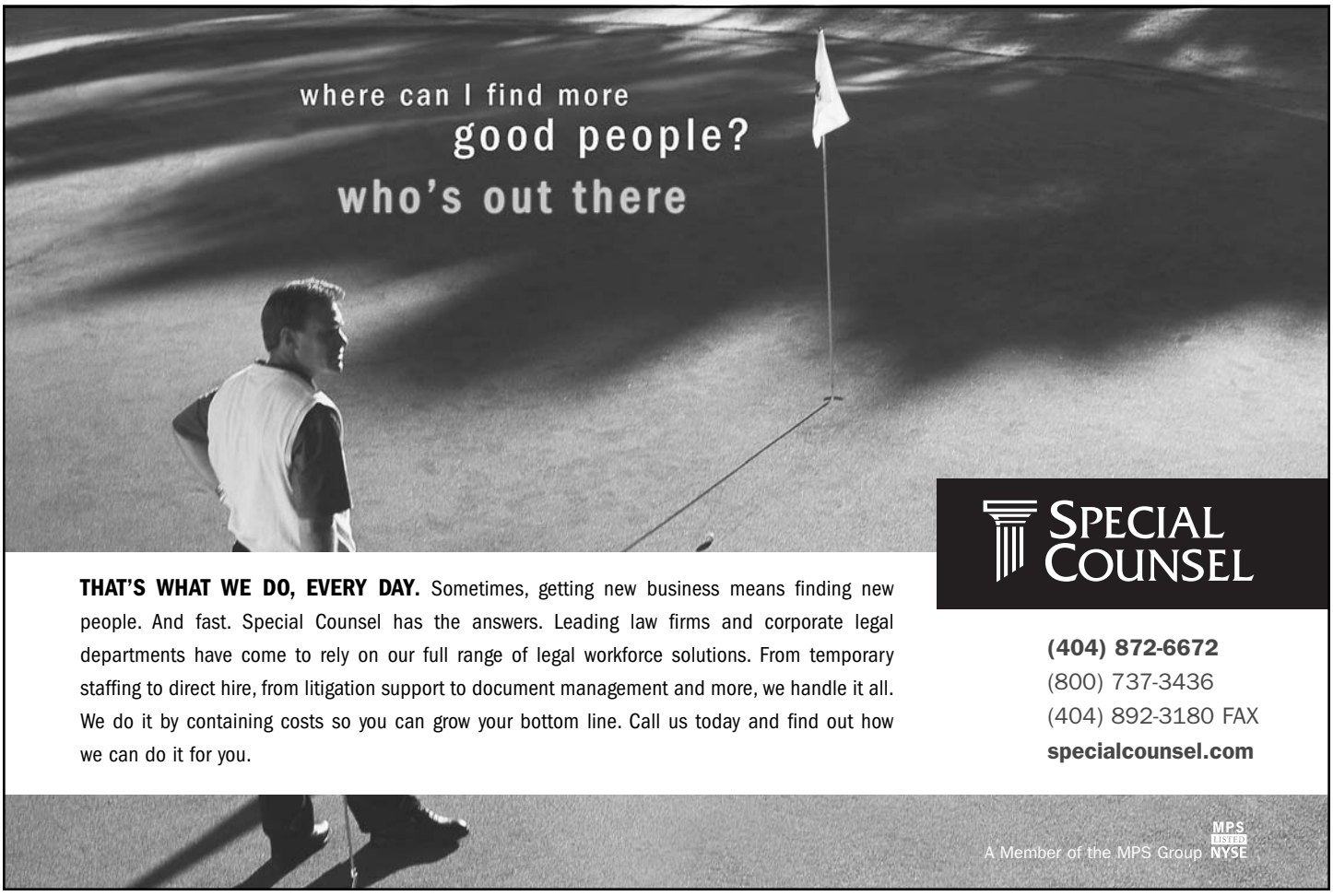
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We have updated the look and style as well as the content of our site. At http://www.gaparalegals.org you can find our current calendar of events, how to contact your board of directors, PACE information, Pro Bono projects, and general information about GAP. Additionally you can view and print past issues of *The Paragraph*.

If you have not seen our website recently, please check it out. If you have any comments or suggestions we welcome them.

Have you been thinking about becoming more active in GAP? Go to the Volunteer section of the GAP website to find out what opportunities the future may hold for you.

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