



HELPING PARALEGALS GROW, DEVELOP, AND ADVANCE THE LEGAL LANDSCAPE

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Speakers

AAPi has a fabulous line up of experienced legal professionals to provide timely and relevant presentations on some of today's most trending legal topics.

Session 1: Working with Paralegals in Multiple Practice Settings



Speaker: M. Blake Milner, Esq.

Blake Milner is Senior Counsel at Singleton Schreiber, in the Birmingham office. Mr. Milner is a member of the firm's Personal Injury and Whistleblower & False Claims Act practices, where he represents individuals and families harmed by negligence and fraud, and advocates for whistleblowers exposing misconduct.

Before joining Singleton Schreiber, Mr. Milner served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Northern District of Alabama, where he led the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF). In that role, he managed complex federal prosecutions involving organized crime, money laundering, firearms, kidnapping, tax fraud, and large-scale drug conspiracies. He successfully tried jury trials on complex drug trafficking, wire fraud, money laundering, and tax fraud cases to verdict. He also supervised three other OCDETF attorneys handling high-stakes federal litigation. Prior to his work as a federal prosecutor, Mr. Milner served as a Deputy District Attorney in Jefferson County, Alabama, where he prosecuted jury trials and bench trials involving violent crime, capital murder, robbery, rape, and domestic violence. His trial experience and leadership in criminal prosecutions uniquely position him to take on powerful corporations, institutions, and individuals in the civil litigation arena.

Prior to joining Singleton Schreiber, Mr. Milner also has significant experience in white collar criminal defense, investigations, and whistleblower litigation. His work has included representing clients in False Claims Act cases and complex qui tam litigation.

In addition to his courtroom practice, Mr. Milner is a dedicated trial advocacy coach. Since 2017, he has served as a coach for the Cumberland School of Law National Trial Team, helping law students prepare for national trial competitions by teaching trial skills, case theory, and courtroom strategy. He also serves as an adjunct professor teaching both Jury Selection, Basic Skills in Trial Advocacy, and Alabama Practice and Procedure.

Mr. Milner earned his J.D. from Cumberland School of Law at Samford University, where he was a decorated trial advocate and winner of numerous national trial competitions and awards.



Lisa Rios Carroll

Vice President
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PNC Bank, NA

- ❖ B.B.A. International Business
- ❖ Certified Paralegal
- ❖ Certified Fraud Examiner

Lisa Carroll is an accomplished leader in financial services with a background in law, compliance, and risk management. She began her career as a paralegal working on multi-district securities litigation, building over two decades of experience in complex legal matters before pivoting to the financial services industry.

In 2016, Lisa earned her Certified Fraud Examiner designation and transitioned into regulatory compliance, where she has led critical regulatory exams with agencies such as the CFPB, the FRB, the OCC, and the Alabama State Banking Department.

Known for her ability to build and lead regulatory programs from the ground up, Lisa has been instrumental in establishing a regulatory relations department for two banks and currently drives Regulatory Change within the Non-Financial Risk Program at PNC Bank.

She is passionate about fostering collaboration and delivering strategies that strengthen governance and resilience in today's evolving financial landscape

Session 2: Regulatory Compliance

Speakers: Lisa Rios-Carroll and Sheryl Riley



Sheryl L. Riley

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- ❖ Master in Early Childhood Education
- ❖ B.A. Elementary Education
- ❖ Advanced Certified Paralegal

Sheryl Riley is a leader in financial services with a background in education, law, and compliance. She began her career as an elementary school teacher specializing in science and math, before shifting into a 20-year career as a paralegal working in black lung claims, personal injury, semi-truck accidents, commercial construction, data breaches and hospital mismanagement.

In 2005, Sheryl became a Certified Paralegal, followed by Advanced Certifications in Discovery, Trial Practice, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Personal Injury – Automobile Accidents, and eDiscovery. She has been a member of the Paralegal Advisory Board for Gadsden State Community College since 2011.

Sheryl transitioned from paralegal work into the financial sector in 2020 when she took a job at BBVA as a regulatory officer where she was responsible for finding, researching, and providing all new regulatory changes and guidance to the various lines of business. After the PNC purchase, Sheryl spent 3 years as an exam coordinator, working daily with federal regulators as a liaison with the bank for internal risk management exams. This past April, she moved back to her regulatory change roots and is currently in charge of intake/distribution for all Federal and International regulations for PNC.

Sheryl believes strongly in teamwork, cooperation, and continued learning. She is passionate about delivering strategies that improve functions and efficiency, both internally and for third-party vendors.

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Session 3: Mental Health Awareness (and avoiding “burn out” tips)

Speaker: J. Pratt Austin-Trucks, Esq.

J. Pratt Austin-Trucks has more than 23 years of legal experience, specializing in the family law, landline dispute, appellate law, and probate/wills/estates arenas. She has practiced with her mother, Jacqueline Austin (the 2021 recipient of the Maud McLure Kelly Award from the Alabama State Bar), her entire legal career out of their office in Wetumpka, Alabama. She also serves Of Counsel to the firm of LawyerUp, LLC, located in Birmingham, Alabama. She has been around the law her entire life as the daughter of two attorneys and has practiced in courts in 25 counties around Alabama. Her focus is on providing excellent service to her clients while being understanding and compassionate.

Pratt was raised in Wetumpka, where she is a member of the 8th generation of her family to call Elmore County home. She earned her B.A. in history and mass communications (print emphasis) from the University of West Georgia in 1992, where she was the editor-in-chief of the campus newspaper for two years, and her J.D. from The University of Alabama School of Law in 2002, where she was a member of the Bench and Bar Honor Society and a recipient of the Dean's Service Award.

Pratt is currently the Bar Commissioner for the 19th Judicial Circuit and also the president of the Elmore County Bar Association. She is a 2004 Leadership Elmore County graduate and was a founding board member of the Elmore County Family Resource Center. She is a member of the Alabama Lawyers Assistance Foundation board, the State Bar's Women's Section Board, and the State Bar's Client Security Fund Committee. Pratt serves on the board of directors for the Community Action Partnership of Middle Alabama and Ivy's Closet. She is a sustainer of the Junior League of Montgomery and a member of the Order of Cimarron and Merrie Mimics. Pratt is a certified Guardian ad Litem and a registered mediator in the state of Alabama.

Pratt is the mother of two children, her daughter Turner (24) and her son Smith (19).



Session 4: Two Decades of E-Discovery- A Look Back and a Glimpse Ahead

Speaker: Catherine Crosby, Executive Assistant United States Attorney

Catherine Crosby has been with the U.S. Attorney's Office since November 2018. Catherine currently serves as the Executive Assistant and supervises the office's e-Litigation and e-Discovery programs. Working with the District's eLitigation coordinator, Adrienne Berry, Catherine developed the District's Discovery Center program in 2023 to bring the office into compliance with the Department's ESI standards and to assist in streamlining the discovery process for all law enforcement and federal agency partners. The Discovery Center team now opens every case in the Criminal Division, handles the intake and tracking of all evidence and discovery submissions for each criminal case prosecuted in the District, and tracks and completes each discovery production. The Civil Division will onboard into the program in 2026.

During her time in the Northern District of Alabama, Catherine primarily prosecuted white-collar cases but has tried to verdict civil rights and firearms offenses as well. As the Computer Hacking and Intellectual Property prosecutor from 2019 through 2023, Catherine prosecuted numerous intellectual property and cybercrime cases. In that role, she oversaw the largest domestic seizure of counterfeit luxury items ever by Customs and Border Patrol and Homeland Security Investigations in 2021, seizing over 250,000 items with a MSRP value of \$750 million. Catherine shifted to other complex high profile matters as the office's Senior Litigation Counsel from 2023 through March 2025, including the public corruption conviction of former Alabama State Representative John Rogers and the wire fraud conviction of Joran van der Sloot. In 2025, Catherine secured convictions for all 11 defendants indicted in the largest illegal sports betting case ever charged by the Department of Justice, securing millions in restitution for the IRS and seizing over \$30 million in assets from the convicted defendants.

Prior to joining the Department, Catherine was a shareholder in the Birmingham office of Baker Donelson, where she managed a financial services and commercial litigation docket and chaired the office's Women's Initiative and recruiting committee. Catherine has been a member of the Birmingham Children's Theatre Board of Trustees since 2011 and is past Secretary and Board Member of the Birmingham Kiwanis Club. She was named to the Birmingham Business Journal's "Top 40 Under 40" list in 2016. She is 2002 graduate of Auburn University and cum laude graduate of the University of Alabama School of Law in 2007. Catherine and her family are members at Canterbury United Methodist Church in Birmingham.



Speaker 5: Ethical Considerations for Paralegals

Speaker: Stacey Moseley, ACP

Stacey Moseley, ACP is the Disciplinary Clerk for the Alabama State Bar. She previously served as Investigator/Paralegal with the Office of General Counsel and has been with the Bar since 2016. Prior to her employment in the Office of General Counsel, Stacey spent 20 years employed by several Montgomery law firms and managed two local title companies including First American Title Insurance's Montgomery Office. Stacey received both her Bachelor of General Studies in Liberal Arts degree in 1994 and her Master of Science in Justice and Public Safety degree, concentrating in Judicial Administration in 1999 from Auburn University at Montgomery. She also holds a Legal Assistant Technician certificate. Stacey received both Certified Paralegal and Advanced Certified Paralegal in Real Estate Principles designations from NALA in 2023. She currently serves as Secretary for AAPi and President of the national Organization of Bar Investigators association.





Hotel

- Coming in on Friday night? Staying in the Capitol City on Saturday night?
- AAPi has secured lodging at the new Residence Inn by Marriott Montgomery Downtown 400 N. Perry Street Montgomery, AL 36104 (334) 356-0123 for only **\$149 (+taxes) parking is \$14**
- Here's your reservation link to make reservations:
- [Book your group rate for ALABAMA PARALEGALS](#)
- Last day to reserve a room is **Tuesday, January 27, 2026**

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