

## San Diego Paralegal Association – May 2019

The San Diego Paralegal Association (SDPA) is focused on serving its members and the legal field as well as our community at-large. On January 12<sup>th</sup>, SDPA hosted a Human Trafficking MCLE conference at AMN Healthcare. Our Pro Bono Committee continues to provide a multitude of opportunities for our members to give back to our community. Pro bono and volunteer projects that SDPA has sponsored and supported include the San Diego County Mock Trial High School Competition (paralegals served as courtroom monitors), Wills for Heroes (preparing wills for first responders), the San Diego Re-entry Clinic (processing expungements), and City Heights Law Day (providing free legal clinics and resources to one of the most diverse communities in San Diego). Some upcoming community activities include the American Cancer Society Walk and the Veterans Village of San Diego's Stand Down (providing assistance to homeless veterans). We will also host our annual Pro Bono and Volunteer Fair in September. Team SDPA is also looking forward to continuing its sponsorship of Couture for a Cause fashion show in September to help fundraise for local charities. SDPA will also present its 2018-2019 Charity of Choice with the funds collected throughout the year at our events. We will also announce SDPA's 2019-2020 Charity of Choice during June Paralegal Night on June 19<sup>th</sup> in addition to our annual scholarship (student and paralegal) recipients. And, finally, we will also be honoring our Paralegal of the Year nominee. For more information and updates about SDPA, please visit our website at [www.sdparalegals.org](http://www.sdparalegals.org). You may also subscribe to be included on our email distribution list to receive updates on our website. You can also find us on Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

photo: Wills for Heroes, Sat., May 4, 2019, Pictured (l-r): Attorney/Event Co-Chair Paul D. Woodard, Esq., SDPA NALA Liaison & Director Kristine M. Custodio, ACP, SDPA Member Gloria Cervantes, SDPA VP of Membership Souriya Joe Maniwan, ACP, and Attorney/Event Co-Chair Justin Salas, Esq.

