



# Are you a Paralegal Leader?

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**"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."  
-John Quincy Adams**



Always evaluate your heart and your thoughts and ask yourself, **"Am I a Paralegal Leader for self-promotion, or am I a leader to inspire others to dream, learn, do and become more?"** Am I a Paralegal Leader to serve others or just to serve self--**Make Your Name Great!?** Because your service is in your name, yet your name is not the service and thus, if you focus on your name, your name will become less reputable. Yet your service is reputable, not your name. Your name means nothing without reputable service We need to be *"true to the game"* and be Paralegal Leaders not just to fulfill SELF! Because SELF cannot operate alone when it comes to **ONE body** and **ONE direction** in promoting the paralegal profession. **SELF alone must be removed from the body because it is more than SELF as a part of the body.** The body must function together for the benefit of all future and current paralegal professionals!

**WE, Paralegal Leaders** need to inspire our youth to become legal professionals, while encouraging them to consider the paralegal profession as a stepping stone to becoming a lawyer.

**WE, Paralegal Leaders** must educate the public on *"What is a Paralegal?"*; how paralegals are utilized; and, encourage our legal counterparts on better utilization of paralegals.

**WE, Paralegal Leaders** must continue to educate and update all paralegal professionals on *"How to be indispensable to the attorney you serve?"*; updates on current trends of the paralegal profession and legal technology; continuing legal education on substantive law topics and legal ethics; and, paving the way for a host of networking opportunities.

**WE, Paralegal Leaders** must serve in our community and promote Equal Access to Justice for All and encourage other fellow paralegals to serve.

**AND FURTHER, Paralegal Leaders** are the force behind the movement to regulate the paralegal profession in ensuring that all paralegal professionals are licensed, resulting in same, if not reasonable accountability as lawyers (our supervising attorneys) in providing legal services to the public, while protecting individuals from inadequate, harmful, fraudulent and/or erroneous legal services that ties up our court system; and providing more affordable, yet efficient legal services to the public under the supervision of an attorney in the Court of law, unless practicing under Administrative statutory provisions.

**BECAUSE.....**

**Paralegals are the REAL Power of Attorney!**

