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*by Danielle Price*

This year marks the 10th Anniversary of the Paralegal Division since its creation by the Utah Supreme Court in April of 1996. The Division hosted an anniversary celebration on April 6, 2006, at Rice Eccles Stadium Tower to recognize those who worked to create the Division and to continue its growth and progress. The event celebrated the accomplishments of the Division and its members over the past ten years, as well as the growth of this profession. The evening included special guest speakers, Steven Kaufman, Former Chief Justice Michael Zimmerman, Peggi Lowden, and Mary Black. The celebration wrapped up with an amazing performance by Kurt Bestor. A copy of the program for the event is available on the Division's website and contains some interesting historical information from 1996 to present. I hope you will take a moment to review the program if you have not already. We also posted several photographs from the event.

Our anniversary celebration would not have been possible without our very generous sponsors. I thank each and every one of our sponsors for their contribution and support. Our sponsors include:

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Special thanks as well to our Gold Sponsors, **Utah State Bar, Holme Roberts & Owen**, and the **Business Law Section**. Gold sponsors contributed \$1000 each. We had one more Gold Sponsor, **Litigation Document Group**, who in addition to a financial donation, printed all of our invitations and programs free of charge. Many thanks to all of our sponsors for enabling the Division and our many guests to have such a wonderful evening.

The end of my term is quickly approaching in June. It has been an honor to lead the Division this year and to have worked with such a dedicated and impressive Board of Directors. A bio and photo for each can be found on our website. Elections will be held on June 16th at our Annual Meeting. At the Annual Meeting I will hand over the reins to Kathryn Shelton, our Chair-Elect. Kathryn is a paralegal with Durham Jones & Pinegar and has been a great asset to the Division. I am sure that Kathryn will lead the Division to new heights because she has much to offer. I know I am leaving the Division in capable hands.

Please keep in mind that there are always opportunities for involvement if you are interested. Contact any Board member for information on volunteering on a committee or on the Board of Directors. The Paralegal Division needs your involvement to assure that the next ten years are as successful as the first ten years.

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