Week of October 19, 2026

Calendar of Events

Tuesday 10/20/26	**FALL MANAGERIAL SKILLS**
Wednesday 10/21/26	**2026 IPMA 42ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXPO**
Friday 10/23/26	**IPMA ANNUAL ASSOCIATION BUSINESS MEETING LUNCHEON**

👑 The Crown Awaits: Join Us for IPMA's Opening Ceremony

Welcome Reception & Expo Grand Opening
Wednesday, October 21, 2026
Hilton Charlotte Uptown
Charlotte, North Carolina
6:15 pm to 8:15 pm ET

Get ready to kick off the 2026 IPMA Annual Conference & Expo in royal fashion! Thanks to our Opening Ceremony host, **Dye & Durham**, attendees will be welcomed to Charlotte with an evening inspired by the city's "Queen City" heritage. This year's theme embraces a regal atmosphere, inviting attendees to network, celebrate, and start the conference with a little royal flair.

Throughout the evening, you'll enjoy:

- A signature themed cocktail
- An interactive networking game
- A chance to compete for the title of "**Diamond of the Season**"
- Fun photo opportunities and themed experiences
- Plenty of opportunities to connect with colleagues, sponsors, and new friends from across IPMA

We encourage attendees to embrace the theme by incorporating a touch of elegance into their evening attire. The suggested dress code is **Cocktail+**, with royal-inspired

accessories and playful touches welcomed but entirely optional.

Whether you're attending your first IPMA conference or reconnecting with longtime colleagues, the Opening Ceremony is the perfect way to begin an unforgettable week in Charlotte.

Pack your crown, gather your court, and join us for an evening worthy of royalty. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

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A Reminder:

On October 2, The IPMA sent a communication regarding voting for the ratification of an amendment to the Association's Bylaws.

Voting and Proxy Information
In accordance with Article IX, Amendments, of the IPMA Bylaws, each amendment must be ratified by a majority vote of the members present in person or by proxy at the Annual Business Meeting.

DOWNLOAD THE PROXY FORM

Please download the proxy form by clicking on the button above. Proxy forms should be submitted directly to info@theIPMA.org no later than 12:00 p.m. ET on Friday, October 23, 2026.

Please contact the IPMA Board of Directors with any questions regarding the proposed amendments.

Call for Conference Volunteers

Help us make the 2026 IPMA Conference a success! Use the QR code or the link below to let us know if you're interested in volunteering to help at conference.

VOLUNTEER

IPMA Fall Managerial Skills Session will be held in person at the Annual Conference this October!

This one-day program—taking place on Tuesday, October 20 in Charlotte, North Carolina—is designed to equip newer legal management professionals with practical

tools to lead confidently and effectively.

During this session, we'll focus on real-world strategies for team leadership, communication, and workflow optimization to help build strong, successful legal support teams.

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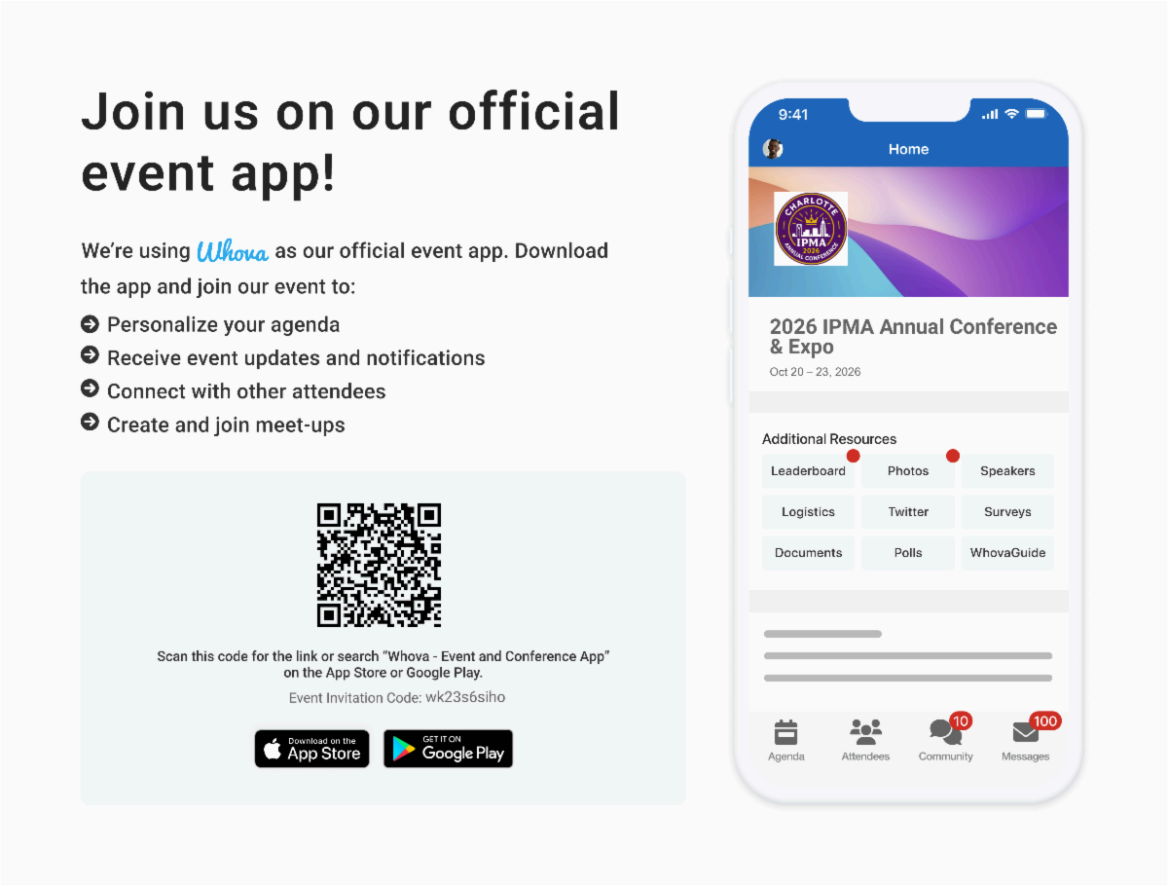

Your Conference Companion: Download the Whova App Today!

Make the most of your IPMA Annual Conference & Expo experience by downloading the **Whova Conference App**, your all-in-one guide to everything happening in Charlotte.

The Whova app will help you:
✅ View the full conference agenda and create your personalized schedule
✅ Access session descriptions, speaker information, and program updates
✅ Connect and network with fellow attendees, speakers, sponsors, and exhibitors
✅ Receive real-time announcements and event notifications
✅ Participate in discussions, share photos, and engage with the conference community
✅ Navigate conference activities and make sure you don't miss any important events

We encourage all attendees to download the app before arriving in Charlotte and take a few minutes to complete their profile. It's a great way to start networking before the conference even begins and stay connected throughout the week.

Whether you're attending educational sessions, visiting the Expo Hall, networking with peers, or participating in conference activities, the Whova app is your go-to resource for

a seamless conference experience.

Download the Whova app today and start building your conference experience!

We look forward to seeing you in Charlotte! 📱✨👑

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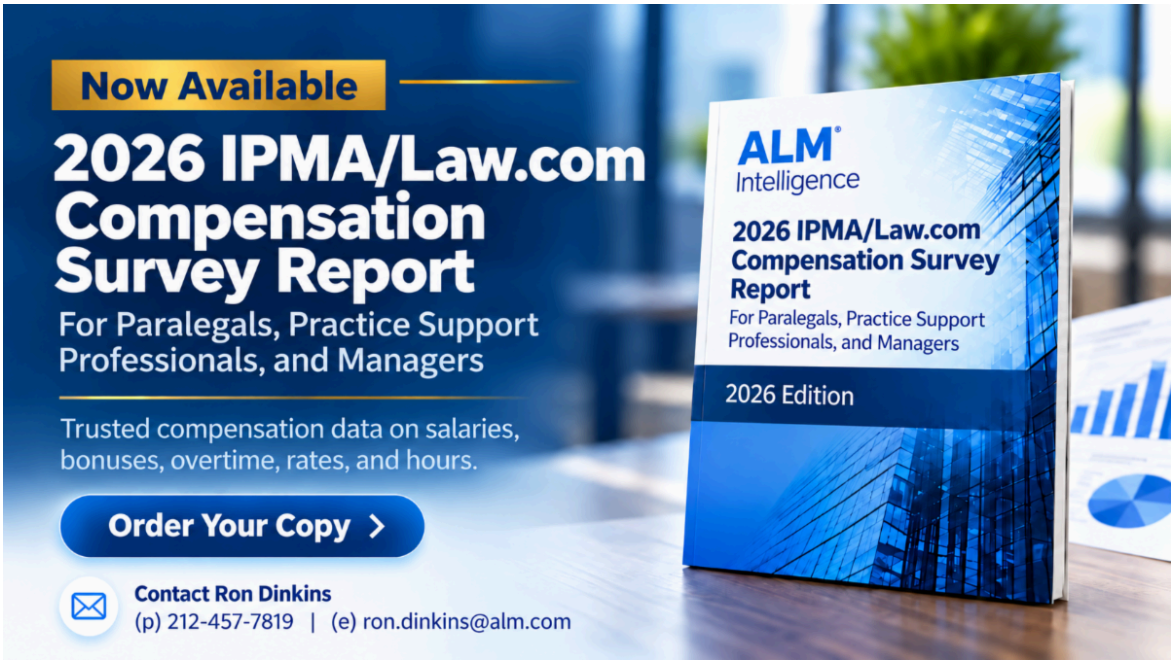

2026 IPMA/Law.com Compensation Survey Report

The **2026 IPMA/Law.com Practice Support Compensation Survey Report** is now available, featuring comprehensive benchmarking data on compensation, staffing structures, benefits, billing practices, and workforce trends across legal support and practice management positions. Whether you are preparing for compensation planning, benchmarking positions against the market, or evaluating your organization's overall compensation structure, the report provides valuable data to help inform those decisions.

What's New in 2026

New and expanded coverage includes practice management roles, hybrid legal assistants, and separate reporting for junior, mid-level, and senior paralegals, providing a more accurate reflection of how legal organizations are structuring their teams today. The 2026 report also explores emerging issues shaping the profession, including AI and automation, pay transparency, and legal support summer programs.

How to Access the Report

As in previous years, firms can access the report through an existing Compass subscription at the following link: https://www.law.com/compass/#/surveydetail/5/overview.

For organizations that do not have a Compass subscription, the report is available for purchase directly. Pricing varies based on survey participation status and IPMA membership. Additional Excel data tables are also available as an add-on.

For questions about purchasing the report or to request an order form, please contact Ron Dinkins (ron.dinkins@alm.com).

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