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# The Sidebar

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### AAfPE Annual Conference in Baltimore, Maryland October 24 – 27, 2007

The Baltimore Annual Conference theme is *Across the Globe – Paralegal Practice and Education*. The Conference Committee (Kathryn Myers, Chair, Nicholas Riggs, Joan Fraczek Spadoni and Linda Spagnola) has put together an outstanding program on four tracks – program fundamentals, international, teaching and technology. There will be break-out sessions on planning the next Annual Conference, participation in regional meetings, and publishing. The Conference will include the annual business meeting and election of officers, the Teaching Competition, ABA sessions, an awards luncheon and a final day brunch with a noted speaker. Plans are in the works for a special off-site event on the last evening of the Conference.

Baltimore offers exciting sights to see (the National Aquarium, Fort McHenry, Inner Harbor, the Maryland Science Center, the Maryland Submarine Memorial, the Port Discovery Museum, the Baltimore Museum of Fine Art and the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, and much more), interesting places to shop and great eating in its many fine restaurants.

The Conference hotel, the Sheraton Baltimore City Center Hotel (101 West Fayette Street, Baltimore, MD 21201, phone 410-752-1100) is centrally located and completely renovated.

**Future National Conferences:**  
October 15 -18, 2008 in Dallas, TX  
October 28 -31, 2009 in Portland, OR

Make plans to join your colleagues for learning, networking and fun.

## Honorary Membership in AAfPE

Each year, up to two persons who have provided outstanding service to AAfPE, but are no longer involved in paralegal education, are conferred with honorary lifetime membership. A list of previous honorees can be found on pages 141-142 of your 2006 AAfPE Directory. This past year's honoree was Nick Fisher.

A nominee must have two (2) letters of recommendation from two (2) different voting AAfPE member institutions.

If you are interested in nominating someone for this achievement, please send your letters of recommendation, on institution letterhead, to: Hedi Nasheri, Kent State University, 113 Bowman Hall, P.O. Box 5190, Kent, OH 44242-0001 with a copy to AAfPE Headquarters, Attn: Meridyth Senes, 19 Mantua Road, Mt. Royal, NJ 08061.

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## EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD COULD BE YOURS

Thomson Delmar Learning/West Legal Studies is again sponsoring the Excellence in Teaching Award at our Conference in Baltimore. Enter!!! The winner receives \$500 and the applause of our colleagues. Applicants must submit a proposal of no more than 300 words to Mary Kubichek (kubichek@caspercollege.edu) by August 15, 2007.

Applicants will be notified no later than September 9 if they have been selected to compete. Your presentation should be one that your audience can copy and use in their classrooms. Former winners are the judges; the entire audience provides feedback.

Contestants are responsible for their own handouts and other presentation aids. The judging rubric is being updated and will be available later. If you have questions or need your "arm twisted" to enter, contact Mary Kubichek. ENTER! We promise to clap loudly.

## One Good Thing

**THE QUESTION:** What was the "one good thing" you learned at the 2006 AAFPE Conference in New Orleans that you will or you intend to use?

### THE RESPONSES:

AAFPE made me aware of how important technology is for paralegals.  
*Mary Noe, St. Johns University*

I appreciated hearing about what other advisory committees have done to support programs. I just presented to my advisory committee an opportunity to sponsor a student(s) for our upcoming LEX chapter.  
*Marvelle McIntyre-Hall, Miami Dade College*

I want to incorporate Adobe Acrobat 7.8 into my curriculum. I learned or relearned some great rules from the "Hands-On Writing Workshop" that I will incorporate.  
*Jill O. Jaspersen, Utah Valley State College*

I was very glad to learn about the CALI consortium and the writing tips and rubrics. And the geeky info — can't wait to add sound and video to my program website.  
*Barry Puett, Manatee Community College*

I learned how to implement a service learning component to a class. I intend to add one assignment that would be a service learning assignment. I learned how to create an assessment and self-evaluation tool to use. I am excited to try this in the spring semester.  
*Deb Boyle, University of Hartford*

I learned that the majority of programs and teachers have the same concerns about student writing that I do and that AAFPE has created a task force to assist us in dealing with it. There were also many great ideas for teaching legal writing presented at the sessions.  
*Mary Meinzinger Urisko, Madonna University*

I am not alone in dealing with students who lack writing skills. I will be implementing a type of numerical grading rubric outlined by Christine Lissitzyn. I plan to implement this rubric in my courses and, hopefully, program-wide.  
*Nancy Caine Harbour, Eastern Michigan University*

I thought the service learning panel did a great job of explaining service learning and showing ways of incorporating it into the curriculum. It's not the same as *pro bono* but with a couple of twists, it really is service learning. We should all be encouraging *pro bono*. I think I just found a way to combine academics with one of the nobler things our

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## AAfPE Regional Conferences

You are cordially invited to the AAFPE Regional Conferences. Check the website at [www.aafpe.org](http://www.aafpe.org) for full information on these programs and to obtain a registration form.

### 2007

**March 22-23** South Central Region Conference  
Tulsa, OK

**March 23-24** North Central Region Conference  
Chicago, IL

**March 29-31** Pacific Region Conference  
San Diego, CA

**April 13-14** Northeast Region Conference  
Wilmington, DE

**April 19-21** Southeast Region Conference  
Lexington, KY

### 2008

**March 28-29** North Central Region Conference  
Cleveland, OH

**April 3-5** Pacific Region Conference  
Phoenix, AZ

**April 4-5** South Central Region Conference  
Baton Rouge, LA

**April 11-12** Southeast Region Conference  
Nashville, TN

**April 11-12** Northeast Region Conference  
Tarrytown, NY

## One Good Thing

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profession does. *Bruce Hamm, Syracuse University*

I have already shared my “Blawg of the Week” with my email list of students, grads, advisory board and faculty from Bob Van Der Velde’s session titled “Wikis, Blawgs and Other Strange Creatures: The Future of Paralegal Education.” I also made multiple copies of Bruce Davis’s “Checklist for Fair Use” from the session on “Intellectual Property Issues and Online Courses in the Internet Age.” When I copy something for use in my classes or show a video, I fill out a checklist to ensure I am making “fair use” of a copyrighted item. I think the checklist will be very useful when I start to develop my first online course this spring. *Judy Gibbs, Avila University*

The best thing I brought back from New Orleans was the ability to teach Abacus with free software for students, free software for the instructor, and access to a technology Listserv. *Ed Husted, University of Alaska – Fairbanks*

I plan to podcast my lecture in my next class. *Christine Beck Lissitzyn, University of Hartford*

I hope to develop a mandatory immigration law course for the paralegal program. Attending that particular session made me realize how immigration affects every state in the U.S. and what an important area of law it is. *Mary Conwell, Edison Community College*

I learned and plan to use: Ipods in the classroom; more about submitting a request for approval of an online course; the 9th Ward looks like the flood happened a month ago instead of a year ago; free software; and about CALI. *Patricia Ferraris O’Neill, The Community College of Baltimore County*

I plan to incorporate some of the reflection projects presented by the service learning panel. *Jenny Cuevas, Miami Dade College*

It’s hard to come up with only one or two things. If I have to name them it would be the technology information, podcasting and assignments and the information from the Information Exchange. *Carolyn Smoot, Southern Illinois University*

I cannot possibly narrow it down to one, but the thing I enjoyed the most was being able to share and hear so many ideas that other instructors had. I made a list of ideas I want to incorporate and will be trying them in the future. I also really appreciated the discussions about improving student writing skills. *Christie Highlander, Southwestern Illinois College*

My favorite session was “Strategies for Improving Student Writing Skills.” The session was excellent in that it provided solid information and recommended tools to help our students with their writing competencies — great job by the panelists. *Annie Laurie I. Meyers, Northampton Community College*

The Teaching Competition for me was one of those teachable moments that I will share in my class discussions with my paralegal students. The lesson for our paralegal students is in the importance of hearing and listening to others’ opinions, thoughts and information so that we gain a better and more thorough understanding about our case and our analysis and knowledge of it. Listening and learning from others is key to good effective legal representation. *Marissa Moran, New York City College of Technology*

The best thing that we experienced was the gracious hospitality extended to the ABA again by AAfPE, especially allowing the ABA to have an information room throughout the Conference and letting the ABA give several presentations on both Wednesday and Friday at the Conference. *Anita Tebbe, Chair, ABA School Approval Commission*

What impressed me was the general collegiality and willingness to share expertise, materials, “tricks of the trade,” etc. I participated in the Information Exchange. The “we’re all in this together” spirit was pretty pervasive and permeated the whole conference, not just the Exchange or a few sessions. I learned that if you want the satisfaction of volunteering, you better be quick; while I was waiting for a lull in the meeting to volunteer as an election marshal, Bob LeClair volunteered me! *Ben Carroll, Kapi’olani Community College*

I learned how to do a podcast and plan to add one to my department website. *Jennifer Coté, Madonna University*

## Paralegal Website Opens Office in Historic Building to Offer Job Placement

Brick, NJ, March 1, 2007 - **NJParalegal.com**, a career resource for New Jersey Paralegals announces the opening of its office in downtown Toms River, New Jersey. The office will be in the Horner House, Ocean County's oldest restored house located at 44 E. Water Street, Toms River, New Jersey.

The office space is to service the newest branch of the website, NJ Legal Placement, LLC., where they will meet with prospective candidates who are seeking jobs in law firms, legal departments, corporate in-house counsel, and government agencies. Until now the website allowed employers to post classified ads to attract the 1,000+ subscribers to the site. Now the employers have the option of having NJ Legal Placement, LLC., do the legwork of hiring or finding them a temporary employee.

“I am so excited to continue to help fellow-paralegals and to get into the placement part of it” says founder, Cindy Lopez. “I can meet with the paralegals, learn about them and help find a job match for their skills and personality.”

For additional information about NJ Legal Placement, LLC. visit [www.njparalegal.com](http://www.njparalegal.com) or email Cindy Lopez at [clopez@njparalegal.com](mailto:clopez@njparalegal.com)

# A Newbie Considers AAFPE (And New Orleans)

Virgil Costley, DeKalb Technical College

Thomas Jefferson was fond of everything French, and he must have loved New Orleans. In its early days, this glorious city on the crescent-shaped bend of the muddy Mississippi River was the French buffer against British expansion westward and a challenge to Spanish predominance in the west and southwest of North America. It has been home to the Spanish, French and Acadians (“Cajuns”), and was defended in the War of 1812 by Jean Lafitte and his Barbary Pirates.

The Vieux Carré was a new city in 1718, and it is still a wonderful example of yesterday’s success in building cities that endure. Katrina dealt a near-death blow to the hospitality industry in New Orleans, but the city is once again rising from the havoc and mud of torrential wind and water.

The American Association for Paralegal Education did its part to assist New Orleans in its recovery effort on October 11-14, 2006, by holding its National Conference and its 25th Anniversary celebration on St. Charles Avenue, near the French Quarter. Not a group to rest on its laurels, this truly gifted group of educators gave the Conference a forward looking educational program whose title was “The Future is Now.” They were obviously correct in assuming that the siren song of jazz and the aroma from Cajun kitchens would bring a large number of participants, both old and new, to learn anew or refresh old skills.

I have been a paralegal educator at DeKalb Technical College since 2000, but had been working in a vacuum that was devoid of peer contact. In early spring of this year, we received a membership solicitation packet and an invitation to attend the Southeast Regional Meeting in Greenville, South Carolina. The vacuum suddenly developed a leak and let in visions of new peer relationships, learning and growth possibilities. The problem still remained that I am a procrastinator of immense proportions, and true to my nature, took several

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months to send our membership application to AAFPE.

I received materials about the Annual Conference and my mind’s eye ignored the wonderful program in Greenville and focused on Bourbon Street. Several college administrators commented on the glassy stare that accompanied my request for travel approval, but wanted me away from campus for a few days and approved it. I printed the conference materials and began to lose my focus on the foolish pursuits no middle-aged male should still harbor about New Orleans. I was going to my first AAFPE Conference to broaden my horizons!

Upon arriving in the Crescent City on Wednesday, I familiarized myself with the afternoon sessions and took a leisurely stroll to the Gumbo Shop on St. Peter Street. (Most of you will realize the irrelevance of this lead sentence, but it is one of the few times one can use “myself” correctly.) The afternoon sessions were terrific and most of the others I attended were great. A few sessions did not appeal to me, but you can’t please everybody.

I have attended educational conferences and organized quite a few, but this 25th AAFPE Annual Conference was the best I have seen in many years. The advertising in the Conference brochure was insufficient to describe the qualities and benefits of the educational aspects, and the peer interaction was outstanding.

Our college is going through the ABA self-assessment process, and the availability of ABA officials and staff for group and individual consultation could not have come at a better time. We have been slightly overwhelmed by the ABA approval process, and having three days to discuss individual issues with staff was invaluable. We have had a great deal of telephone and email contact with

Mattie Evans, but that does not have the same value as her warm smile and reassuring words. Mattie’s calm assistance was wonderful, and I will never be able to adequately express my thanks for the outpouring of help from approved programs and those who are chasing that dream.

It quickly occurred to me that AAFPE is composed of educators who take their work seriously and want every other paralegal program in the country to have the same high ideals and expectations. Paralegal educators are shamelessly unselfish and giving of their talents.

The session that intrigued me was entitled, “Strategies for Improving Student Writing Skills.” Georgia has a dismally poor ranking in educational circles, and I honestly thought that we were getting *Deliverance* rejects trying to write memos and briefs. It never crossed my mind that everybody else had seen the movie and gotten some of our brightest citizens in their paralegal programs. Members of the AAFPE Task Force that assessed this problem offered encouraging advice about strategies and resources to improve writing skills.

I attended the “Syllabi and Survey Needs” session which was held at the same time as the one dealing with “Nerds, Geeks and Paralegal Instructors.” Will someone send me a report for that presentation, and please omit the big words? Podcast was one of the words I found interesting, but can’t figure out how anyone was able to use it without national security clearance.

My first AAFPE Conference was a delightful, thought-provoking experience, and I extend my thanks to those who realized I was a foundling in need of nurturing.

# Summary of AAFPE Board of Directors Meeting February 2007

The AAFPE Board of Directors held a Board meeting in Baltimore, Maryland, beginning on Friday, February 22 and concluding on Sunday, February 24, 2007. The meeting was held in the Sheraton Baltimore City Center Hotel at 101 West Fayette Street (formerly the Wyndham Inner Harbor), site of the 2007 AAFPE Annual Conference October 24-27, 2007. All Board members were present along with Executive Director, Meridyth Senes, of Talley Management Group.

The Board welcomed new member Joan Marler, as the Southeast Regional Director. Joan was appointed to take the place of Marisa Campbell, who is now President-Elect.

The Board heard reports from the President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and the Regional Directors, and the Executive Director. The Board discussed the 26th Annual Conference to be held in Baltimore in October, and its theme "Across the Globe: Paralegal Practice and Education." The Board toured the hotel and saw the meeting

rooms and other amenities provided at the Sheraton.

The Board discussed future national conference dates and locations. AAFPE will meet in Dallas, Texas in 2008 (October 15-18) and in Portland, Oregon in 2009 (October 28-31). The NFPA Annual Conference for 2009 is also scheduled in Portland over the same dates. The Board discussed opportunities for partnership with NFPA in October 2009.

The Board discussed the upcoming regionals and the technology training that will take place at several of the meetings. There was discussion about insuring early notice of future regional dates and providing registration materials in a timely manner.

The Board heard reports from committee and task force chairs with respect to Technology, Publications, (including *The Educator* and a proposed scholarly journal), LEX, and the Writing Task Force. The Board also discussed several new committees and their work to date. These committees include

Professionalism and Cultural Awareness (soft skills), and an International Networking Committee.

The Journal Committee will have an open forum for all members at the October Conference. This will be a place to discuss the feasibility of and interest in a scholarly journal.

The Board reviewed a conflict of interest policy with respect to Board members and services to AAFPE. There was a report from the Policy and Procedures Task Force. A draft of an updated policy and procedure manual and a committee manual will be presented at the June Board meeting.

The Board considered the feasibility of a common database for members to access sample assignments, syllabi, and other educational materials that are often requested on the Listserv. The Board discussed issues of quality control and the opportunities for sharing information on the Listserv.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Joy K. Smucker, AAFPE Secretary*

## Commuter vs. Computer

Sarah Pugh

I am known by my instructor and fellow classmates as the student who commuted 25,000 miles for my education. For three semesters, I traveled two to three days a week, four hours a day.

I was very interested in becoming a paralegal. I worked as a legal secretary for a law firm in Sheridan, Wyoming. I quit that job and moved to Buffalo, Wyoming and was hired by a law firm. That job lasted a short time. I then decided that I wanted to achieve my goal of becoming a paralegal. I thoroughly researched all my options. I knew of a paralegal program at Casper College but thought that was a long drive to get an education. I called Mary Kubichek and talked to her about my

desire to become a paralegal. We talked for about ten minutes on the telephone. I was very careful to research all my options again. I checked with an online school in Denver, Colorado, The Center for Legal Studies. I drove to Denver to check it out in person. When I arrived I was taken down a long hallway, then into a small — very small — office about 10 feet by 12 feet, cluttered — with books and mountains of paperwork. I did not see classrooms, desks, students, instructors, a cafeteria, nor did I see a library. A very nice gentleman showed me the stack of books and the stack of CDs or VHS videos I would receive. He told me I could reach him any time by phone or by email and that

I could complete the course at my pace, in the comfort of my home, in front of my computer and DVD or VHS television system. He added, "all this for the price of \$810." I had 14 weeks to complete all the courses, but could request an extension if needed. I asked the gentleman about other students — could I contact them, talk to them about their experience, etc.? He reached down, pulled out a drawer on his desk and I saw manila file folders. He then showed me paperwork that he had printed off the computer of samples of the work from these "file-folder" students. Due to confidentiality reasons, I did not speak to other students.

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After returning from Denver, I immediately contacted Mary Kubichek again at Casper College. I explained to her my ordeal in Denver. Her reply was, “You don’t want to do that, and let me tell you why.” She began to explain — attorneys want to see the ABA approved program, you need to be in a classroom setting, see

people, learn communication skills, interviewing skills, participate in class and hear the ideas of other students and, best of all, I will help you get a job in your area.

I can honestly say it was a “long road” but I did complete my college work. I understand networking — not computer networking. I did not have to wait by my computer for a return email or wonder if

an assignment was downloaded, uploaded and submitted properly. I don’t think I would have a list of friends from The Center for Legal Studies. I gained a wonderful friend, my instructor. I know I can call her at any time and be able to reach her. I have many new friends from my college experience. I did go the “extra mile” and I am thankful I did commute.

## Professional Pursuits

**Laura Barnard, Lakeland Community College, Willoughby, OH:** was appointed to the Ohio State Bar Association’s Paralegal Certification Board which is charged with developing a certification examination and determining eligibility for certification.

**Danixia (Jenny) Cuevas of Miami Dade College (Florida):** was selected as one of only 15 faculty members to participate in the inaugural Faculty Leadership Seminar created to provide leadership training for faculty members who have exemplified past leadership, innovative teaching methodologies and a commitment to the college. Over 1000 faculty applied. She is the only faculty member from the paralegal program selected to participate in this seminar.

**Hon. Stephanie Domitrovich,** who teaches contract law at Gannon University, Erie, PA, is the first judge in the U.S. to receive a Ph.D. in Judicial Studies from the University of Nevada in Reno.

**Fernaundra Ferguson, University of West Florida (Pensacola):** was recently elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the Association for Conflict Resolution.

**Mickey Fernandez, Empire College, Santa Rosa, CA:** received the 2006 Excellence in Education Award for 2-year colleges from the Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce Education Committee in August, 2006. This annual event honors teachers at the elementary, secondary and post-secondary levels. She also had articles published in the local legal newspapers, *Sonoma County Herald-Recorder* (Sept. 29, 2006) and the *Press Democrat* (Dec. 8, 2005).

**Ross Goodman, University of West Florida (Pensacola):** was recently elected as a Circuit Judge in the First Judicial Circuit of Florida. His term began in January 2007.

**William Goren, Northwestern Business College, Chicago, IL:** the 2nd Edition of his book *The Americans with Disabilities Act – Understanding the ADA*, was recently published by the American Bar Association.

**Joseph Gutmann, University of Louisville (Kentucky):** won the 2006 Metroversity Outstanding Faculty of Adult Learners Award. During the summer of 2005, he took part in the Supreme Court Summer Institute for Teachers in Washington, D.C.

**Kathryn Myers, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College (Indiana):** has been on the speaking circuit. In June 2006, she presented two seminars on legal writing at State Farm Insurance, Bloomington, IL; spoke to the Central Illinois Paralegal Association on “CSI: It’s Not Just Black Lights and Bugs”; presented an advanced legal writing seminar in September to the American Alliance of Paralegals in Cincinnati; conducted a seminar on “Effective Communications” on NALA Campus Live! in September (to be repeated in April 2007); and presented four seminars on legal writing at the Knoxville and Nashville, TN offices of Lewis, King, Kreig & Waldrop P.C.

**Mary Noe, St. John’s University, Jamaica, NY:** had an article entitled “Reversing Years of Neglect of Students with Disabilities,” published in the October 2006 *New York Law Journal*.

**Janet Olejar, Tacoma Community College (Washington):** was awarded early tenure (in two years instead of the usual three). When Janet was seeking ABA approval of the TCC paralegal program, Sue Sullivan (University of San Diego) led the site visit. The site team required that Janet’s full-time position be made permanent, and thus put Janet on the tenure track. As a result of ABA’s approval of the Tacoma Community College paralegal program, the Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association presented Janet with its Outstanding Service Award for Exemplary Service to the Pierce County Legal Community on February 8, 2007 at its Lincoln Day banquet.

**Sharon Pope, University of Hartford (Connecticut):** is chairing a new Mock Trial program for which the university will be a regional site.

**Linda Spagnola:** her book, *Contracts for Paralegals: Legal Principles and Practical Applications*, was recently published by McGraw Hill/Irwin.

# Her Place In Court: Alyson Remsing '05 (Paralegal)

Myra Saturen

Tracking a trial at the Northampton Courthouse with fellow NCC paralegal students, Alyson Remsing '05 was struck by the thought: “How exciting it must be to come here and work every day!”

Just two weeks later, and six months into her paralegal studies, an ad on campus caught her attention: First Deputy District Attorney Paula Roscioli was seeking a personal assistant. Suddenly, Alyson went from learning about estates and trusts in class one day, to applying her knowledge in Roscioli’s Easton office the next. “It was neat to be learning and working at the same time,” she says. She especially enjoyed delving into research for family law and malpractice cases.

Before long, Roscioli asked Remsing to be her campaign assistant in the 2005 primary race for Northampton County Court of Common Pleas judge. “I traveled all over Northampton County to get signatures on petitions, raised funds, recruited volunteers, distributed campaign literature – anything that needed to be done,” she says.

Capping it all off was Election Day, when Remsing got up at 5:30 a.m., May 17, 2005, to work at the polls. She remembers every hour of that busy day. By 9:30 p.m., she and other campaign workers were watching the returns on a TV at Stefano’s Restaurant in Bethlehem, yelling with excitement as Roscioli sped down the stretch to a clear landslide.

After the election, Roscioli tapped Remsing to be her judicial secretary, and Remsing, Roscioli and Roscioli’s law clerk moved into a cozy office in the Northampton County Courthouse. “It was a strange feeling going to Judge



Roscioli’s swearing-in ceremony and having a reserved seat in the front row of Courtroom #1 with my name on it,” Remsing says.

At the courthouse, Remsing performs the many activities of running a legal office: proofreading judges’ opinions, maintaining schedules, keeping track of tight court deadlines, and researching cases. Remsing enjoys the camaraderie of working with attorneys, judges and fellow judicial secretaries. She loves the sense of accomplishment that comes from looking at the month’s agenda and knowing that challenging tasks have been completed. She relishes the suspense of a trial in session.

A resident of Bethlehem, Remsing earned a bachelor’s degree in history and political science at Moravian College in 2003. Pondering her next step, she enrolled in paralegal classes at NCC soon after, aiming to increase her marketability. “Everything I learned at NCC has been useful and relevant,” Remsing says. “I learned how to

research and write about the law, to manage a legal office, to keep on top of deadlines, to draft legal opinions,” she says. “There are so many times when a question comes up at work, and I can remember exactly in which NCC class I learned about that subject.”

She admired her professors, who brought expertise gained from careers in the legal profession to the classroom. “Professor Annie Laurie Meyers had a huge impact on my life,” Remsing says. “I saw that she is a strong, independent, accomplished woman, and I wanted to be like her.”

Remsing still marvels that, only a year and a half after imagining what it would be like, she works at the Northampton County Courthouse herself. “Coming to the courthouse every day is still sometimes surreal to me,” Remsing says. “I remember observing one of Judge Giordano’s trials during my first year of taking classes and thinking it would be nice to work here someday. And here I am!”

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### THEME

# Paralegal Education and Practice in a Global Legal Market

## ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

### CALL FOR ABSTRACTS/PAPERS

Topic Areas:

Trends and Issues in Paralegal Education and Practice in the Global Economy

Issues Related to Licensure and Governmental Regulation of Paralegals

Looking to the Future: The Changes You See Coming

Immigration Law

'Offshoring' of Paralegal work; Job gains or losses

Unauthorized Practice of Law

Legal Research on International Law Issues Using the Internet

Electronic Filing

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Attracting and Retaining Paralegal Students

The Ethical Utilization of Paralegals

Hot Trends in Paralegal Education and Practice

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