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## Renato Izquieta Receives 2004 Distinguished Instructor Award

Read through the student evaluations for any course that Renato Izquieta has taught in the Paralegal Program since joining UC Irvine Extension in 2001 and you'll discover why he was honored with a Distinguished Instructor Award at the September 21, 2004 Awards Banquet. Students rave about him. He is passionate about the law, enthusiastic about sharing his knowledge, and dedicated to preparing paralegal students for the workplace.

Mr. Izquieta is currently a staff attorney with the Legal Aid Society of Orange County. Prior to being admitted to the California State Bar he worked as a law clerk for

in-house counsel at Rhino Records. He also worked as a paralegal and then as a staff attorney at Inland Counties Legal Services.

Students consistently compliment Mr. Izquieta for his effective communication style, organized presentations, willingness to share his legal experience, caring manner, and professionalism.

Over 400 students have benefited from his straight-to-the-point, no-nonsense lectures which are peppered with riveting "war stories" along with practical tips for students. His goal is to

make sure students are prepared for the real world.

In addition, he has volunteered as a panelist at Career Night, and as a curriculum reviewer for several paralegal courses.

Congratulations!



Renato Izquieta with Extension Dean Gary Matkin

## Mock Trial Puts Reality Show on Trial

What do you do when you see a need for practical training of paralegals? If you are Dennis Nakata you prepare a proposal for a course and submit it to UC Irvine Extension's Paralegal Certificate Program for consideration.

Dennis Nakata, a litigation paralegal and 2000 graduate of UC Irvine Extension's Paralegal Certificate Program, thought it would be beneficial if students could obtain practical litigation experience before they

graduated. To make sure students gained exposure to actual entry level assignments, Mr. Nakata conceived of a course that would take a hypothetical fact pattern from the beginning of a case through trial and then onto post-

## Mock Trial—contd.

trial and appeals. Mr. Nakata's proposal made its way through the program's approval process and he teamed up with Kathy Miller, CLA, CAS and offered the inaugural session of "Practical Applications of Civil Litigation—Mock Trial" in the summer 2004.

The Mock Trial fact pattern was loosely based on the 2004 reality TV series "The Apprentice" - a show where contestants performed weekly tasks and each week Donald Trump would eliminate one contestant with the dreaded words "You're



Fired." The fact pattern used in the Mock Trial course had some twists and turns. Sample documents were prepared by Nakata and Miller, including contracts, e-mails, job evaluations, deposition testimony and medical records to simulate real life documentary evidence.

Students prepared an answer to the mock complaint, responded to discovery, designated experts and then participated in a mini-trial on the second to the last night of class. Beverly Moss-Jones, paralegal certificate program manager, joined other mem-

bers from the public in the jury box.

After the jury rendered its verdict and class was over, the students continued discussing and arguing their case into the parking lot.

The last night of class was spent strategizing by the losing team on appellate procedures while the winning side prepared a sample cost bill with a request for substantial attorney's fees.

Students' comments included: "Everyone should have to take this class ... It applied the theory from other classes." Watch for the next session—summer 2005.

## Welcome to New Instructors

Zachary Zaharek, J.D., M.B.A., corporate counsel, Downey Savings and Loan Association, F.A., is teaching Patent, Trademark, and Copyright Law this fall. Formerly, as corporate counsel in Proctor & Gamble's professional beauty division (formerly Wella), he managed domestic and international IP and advised on all general corporate matters in real property, commercial contracts, labor, litigation, compliance.

Carlos A. Fisher, J.D. is Senior Patent Counsel for Allergan, Inc. where he is responsible for biotechnology-related patents and various agreements, including licensing and clinical trial agreements. Mr. Fisher is teaching Contracts this quarter.



Michaël Fischer, J.D., a distinguished graduate of USC Law School, draws upon his broad experience as a litigator, author of legal publications, and seminar lecturer in his teaching Legal Writing this quarter.

## Instructor Tania King Hired as Associate General Counsel

Tania King, an instructor in the Paralegal and Human Resources Management Certificate Programs has announced that she has been hired as Associate General Counsel for Advantage Sales & Marketing. Over the past three years, Ms. King has supported Advantage Sales & Marketing as an independent attor-

ney. Advantage Sales & Marketing is the leading sales and marketing agency serving the consumer packaged goods industry, representing 1,200 clients with an associate base that exceeds 12,500 persons. As a national entity, and with its international strategic alliances, Advantage's top brand name clients include Unile-

ver, Masterfoods, Quaker, Del Monte, Johnson & Johnson, and Gillette.

Ms. King received her B.A. in pre-law from UC Santa Barbara and her J.D. from Santa Clara University. Ms. King will not be teaching this quarter but hopes to be able to return in the near future.

## Career Center (WOC) Offers Free Program to Certificate Candidates

UC Irvine Extension Certificate Candidates can take advantage of a **FREE** program offered by the Women's Opportunities Center ("WOC")\* - the Certificate Candidate Career Program which provides career counseling, workshops, and career resources. This program includes two 1-hour sessions with a career counselor and your choice of any two of the following 2-hour career management mini-workshops: (1) RESUME DE-

"WOC welcomes the opportunity to provide assistance to members of the Paralegal Certificate Program. Come to our free information session every fourth Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. and learn more about how WOC can help you take charge of your career!" ... Diane Goepf, Acting Director WOC

VELOPMENT: Learn how to develop a professional, attention-grabbing resume that gets you an interview; (2) NETWORKING/INTERVIEWING: Learn how to market yourself through personal contacts and to effectively manage the accompanying stress and anxiety; master asking questions and asking for the job; (3) NEGOTIATING: Learn how a company decides what you are worth, the elements of a compensation package, how to research "going rates," and how to ask for more; (4) CHANGE MANAGEMENT: Learn

how to build healthy resilience in times of personal and professional change; (5) RESUMES IN MICROSOFT WORD: Learn the skills and knowledge necessary to use Word to create, edit and format resumes for printing and sending by e-mail; (6) FINDING ANSWERS ON THE INTERNET: Learn how to conduct intelligent web searches on any topic, capture the relevant information for storage and retrieval.

For more information on the Certificate Candidate Career Program please call: (949) 824-7128.

\*Men and Women welcome at WOC

## Orange County Paralegal Association

The Orange County Paralegal Association offers paralegal students discounted membership. Students who join OCPA in October, November and December receive three months free with their dues paid through December 31, 2005. OCPA's student section meets quarterly with speakers addressing students' concerns. OCPA also has specialty area sections in: Bank-

ruptcy/Federal Practice; Corporate/Real Estate; Employment/Labor Law; Estate Planning/Probate; Criminal/Family Law; Freelance; Immigration; Intellectual Property; and Litigation. Benefits of being an OCPA member include job bank

access; monthly newsletter; credit union; scholarship opportunities and educational programs.

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FOR APPLICATION AND  
ASSOCIATION  
INFORMATION  
[www.ocparalegal.org](http://www.ocparalegal.org)

OCPA's Holiday Party and Elections are scheduled for December 15, 2004 at the Newport Beach Radisson Hotel. RSVP by Dec. 13th to [garber\\_chris@allergan.com](mailto:garber_chris@allergan.com)

## California Paralegal Statutes—Definition and MCLE

Pursuant to California Business & Professions Code § 6450 (a): A paralegal is a person who holds himself or herself out to be a paralegal, who is qualified by education, training, or work experience, who either contracts with or is employed by an attorney, law firm, corporation, governmental agency, or other entity, who performs substantial legal work, under the direction and supervision of an active member of the State Bar of California, as defined in Section 6060, or an attorney practicing law in the federal courts of this state, that has been specifically delegated by the attorney to the paralegal.

MCLE Requirements: Under Business & Professions Code § 6450, California paralegals must meet continuing education requirements after receiving their certificate:

- 4 hours of general or specialized legal education every 2 years; and
- 4 hours of legal ethics every 3 years.

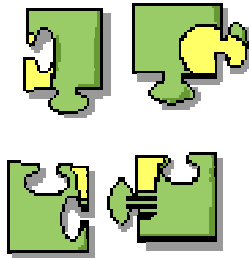


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### REMINDERS:

Certificate Requirements - Candidates for the certificate must be officially admitted into the program and complete a total of 30 units of instruction with a grade of "C" or above in all courses. Certificate candidates must complete the program within five years of taking their first course.

Certificate Candidacy - Students who desire a certificate must apply for admission into the program before completing the third course in which they enroll. To qualify for admission, the student must have either: 1) a bachelor's degree, OR 2) if you do not have a bachelor's degree, you need 40 semester, or 60 quarter units, of general college education which satisfies a three subject matter breadth requirement, and two years of law related work experience. For an application and information, please call (949) 824-5528.

Request for Certificate - All requests should be filled out when you are completing your final course. Please allow three to four weeks after grades are in for certificate processing. To request your certificate, complete a Request for Certificate form and return it to the Paralegal Program Office.

All Paralegal Certificate Program forms are available on-line at

[www.extension.uci.edu/courses/certificate/paralegal.asp](http://www.extension.uci.edu/courses/certificate/paralegal.asp)

## Tentative Spring 2005 Schedule Announced

- Legal Admissions Meeting  
Tues. 3/22/2005
- Intro to the Legal System  
Tues., Wed., Thur.  
3/22-3/24/2005
- Fundamentals of  
Legal Assistantship  
Wed. 3/30-6/1/2005
- Legal Research—Section 1  
Mon. 3/28-6/6/2005
- Legal Research—Section 2  
Tues. 3/29-5/31/2005
- Legal Writing—Section 1  
Wed. 3/30—6/1/2005
- Legal Writing—Section 2  
Thurs. 3/31-6/2/2005
- Civil Litigation II  
Mon. 3/28-6/6/2005
- Contracts—Section 1  
Wed. 3/31-6/1/2005
- Contracts—Section 2  
Thurs. 3/31-6/2/2005
- Business Law  
Wed. 4/6-6/8/2005
- Computer Assisted  
Legal Research  
Tues., Wed., Thurs.  
6/14-6/16/2005
- Criminal Law  
Tues. 4/5-6/7/2005
- Software Applications for the  
Legal Environment  
Thurs. 3/24-6/9/2005
- Paralegal Internship  
Tues. 3/22; 4/26; 5/24/2005
- Real Estate Law  
Mon. 3/31-5/23/2005



**On-line registration  
begins February 11, 2005**