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## Art De La Loza Spends "Sabbatical" Teaching in London

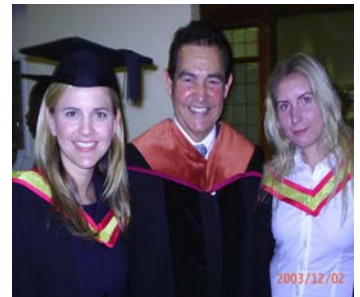
Art De La Loza, who teaches Business and Corporate Law, took a "sabbatical" from UC Irvine Extension in 2004. He took a teaching position at Webster Graduate Studies Center, Regent's College in London.

He and his family lived in the countryside in Hampshire County with a 50 minute commute by train. A nice surprise was the warm and friendly reception his family received from all the people they met throughout their stay. Art also proclaims that the fish and chips from the local merchants are the best take-out found on the run.

When asked about the use of paralegals in England, Mr. De La Loza observed that the UK's educational system allows one to start Law Studies without an undergraduate degree. Thus, Law Studies graduates work for some time doing the work that most paralegals would do in the U.S. As a result, there is less demand for paralegals in the UK, especially with the trend toward outsourcing legal work to lower paid attorneys in countries such as India.

With the addition of ten new countries (now totaling 25) and its eastward expansion during 2004, understanding the EU is of vital importance. For that reason, the Business Law and Corporate Law courses he teaches will include a review of current events relating to these important international issues.

Reflecting on his London experience, he is proud of three things: 1) it was great to be an American in Europe in a small way representing the U.S.; 2) our U.S. educational system does an outstanding job preparing students to interact and compete with students from all over the world and to assume greater leadership responsibilities in a global business environment; and 3) after working with attorneys, solicitors, barristers, professors, and students from everywhere in Europe, the University of California system has earned and enjoys a superior reputation abroad. Many students he met expressed a great interest in coming to California to study for that reason. "We are indeed blessed here at UCI."



Art De La Loza with two students at the Regent's College graduation ceremony.

## Upcoming UC Irvine Extension Graduation/Awards Ceremony

Mark your calendars NOW for the UC Irvine Extension Graduation/Awards Ceremony.

June 21, 2005 - 6:00 p.m.  
Invitations will be mailed in May.



# Voluntary Certification Exams Explained

## **Certified Legal Assistant (“CLA”)**

offered by the National Association of Legal Assistants (“NALA”), consists of a two-day exam. Topics covered: Communications; Ethics; Legal Research; Judgment & Analytical Ability; Substantive Law. Qualifications to take the exam: 1. Graduation from a legal assistant program that is: ABA approved; OR an associate degree program; OR a post-baccalaureate certificate program in legal assistant studies; OR a bachelor's degree program in legal assistant studies; OR a legal assistant program which consists of a minimum of 60 semester hours (or 90 quarter hours) of which at least 15 semester hours (or 22.5 quarter hours) are substantive legal courses. 2. A bachelor's degree in any field plus one year's experience as a legal assistant. Successful completion of at least 15 semester hours (or 22.5 quarter hours) of substantive legal assistant courses will be considered equivalent to one year's experience as a legal assistant. 3. A high school diploma or equivalent plus seven (7) year's experience as a legal assistant under the supervision of a member of the Bar, plus evidence of a minimum of 20 hours of continuing legal education credit to have been completed within a two (2) year period prior to the examination date. The CLA is valid for five years. Recertification requires 50 hours of CLE.

For further information and exam dates: [www.nala.org](http://www.nala.org)



## **Registered Paralegal (“RP”)**

offered by the National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. (“NFPA”), consists of the Paralegal Advanced Competency Exam (“PACE”) and is offered to paralegals who have a minimum of two years' experience and meet specific educational requirements. PACE is a two-tier Exam—each tier addressing different areas. Tier I addresses general legal issues and ethics. NFPA's website advises that “as the need arises, sections for state-specific laws may also be developed.” Tier II addresses specialty sections. To maintain the PACE RP credential, paralegals are required to obtain 12 hours of continuing legal education, including at least one hour in ethics, every two years.

For further information and exam dates: [www.paralegals.org](http://www.paralegals.org)

## **Professional Paralegal (“PP”)**

offered by the National Association of Legal Secretaries (“NALS”), consists of a four-part, all-day exam, which includes: Written Communications; Legal Knowledge and Skills; Ethics and Judgment Skills; Substantive Law. Qualifications to sit for the exam: Five years experience performing paralegal/legal assistant duties (a candidate may receive a partial waiver of one year if he or she has a post-secondary degree, other certification, or a paralegal certificate; a candidate with a paralegal degree may receive a two-year partial waiver). The NALS Professional Paralegal certification will be valid for five years. Recertification requires 75 hours of CLE.

For further information and exam dates: [www.nals.org](http://www.nals.org)

## CLAS & CAS Examinations

For those paralegals who have the CLA certification and wish to specialize, NALA offers various specialty examinations - the CLAS and the CAS.

**CLAS:** The Certified Legal Assistant Specialty exam (“CLAS”) is given nationwide in the following seven specialties: Bankruptcy, Civil Litigation, Corporations/Business Law, Criminal Law and Procedure, Intellectual Property, Estate Planning and Probate, and Real Estate. Each specialty area has a four-hour written examination.

**CAS:** NALA and the California Alliance of Paralegal Associations (“CAPA”) established the California Advanced Specialist (“CAS”) certification for California paralegals with the CLA credential who want to demonstrate advanced knowledge of California law and procedures. The CAS is a four-hour examination and is available in: Business Organizations - Business Law, Civil Litigation, Estates and Trusts, Family Law, and Real Estate.

For details on the CLAS and the CAS: [www.nala.org](http://www.nala.org)

## Dr. Hendrickson - Goes Directly to Jail (to work with inmates)

Dr. Ray Hendrickson, who holds an undergraduate degree in chemistry from North Dakota State, a J.D. from Western State University College of Law, an M.A. in psychology and a Ph.D. in psychology, has taught Family Law, Legal Writing and Fundamentals of Legal Assistantship for the UC Irvine Extension Paralegal Certificate Program. Dr. Hendrickson also practiced law for over 30 years until just a few months ago.

Now Dr. Hendrickson has found a way to combine his interest in criminal law with his training in psychology. He provides therapy sessions to state prison inmates in Lancaster. The biggest challenge is getting to Lancaster from Mission Viejo - three days a week he flies himself there from John Wayne Airport around 6:30 am, returning at

6:00 pm. He is learning to work within the prison system and finds it to be a very different environment than any prior work experience.

Dr. Hendrickson is a newlywed. He and wife Bettye live in Mission Viejo. He became "inactive" as a practicing attorney last May but continues to see patients as a private practice psychologist--mostly persons with developmental disabilities and does forensic work for the Superior Court--child custody evaluations, as well as mediation.



## Welcome New Instructors

**Nancy Salzman, J.D.**, has been a licensed California attorney for over 25 years. After spending several years as a lead trial attorney in civil matters, she moved to a firm specializing in bankruptcy, foreclosure and related trial matters where she managed, trained, and mentored a staff of attorneys and over 35 paralegals in different departments. For the past 10 years, she has developed curriculum and taught a variety of programs designed for law students and paralegals. Ms. Salzman will teach Legal Writing this spring.

**Robert Robinson, J.D.**, is a trial lawyer and counsel experienced in litigating employment, business, and financial disputes and advising on prevention, dispute avoidance, and investigation. He is active in the California Employment Lawyers Association and the Orange County Bar Association. Mr. Robinson is teaching Contracts this quarter.

## OCPA's Annual Career Conference - April 23, 2005

The Orange County Paralegal Association offers paralegal students discounted membership in OCPA.

Saturday April 23, 2005 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. OCPA is offering its Fourth Annual Career Conference at Allergan, 2525 Dupont Drive, Irvine. This year's topics include:

- Panel of Diverse Paralegals
- Now That I've Graduated, What

Do I Do?

- Finding a Paralegal Job (Resume Writing, Job Interviewing, etc.)
- State of the Profession
- Being a Paralegal in California

The cost for the conference is \$35

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INFORMATION  
[www.ocparalegal.org](http://www.ocparalegal.org)

for OCPA members and \$40 for non-members. Price includes breakfast and lunch. RSVPs required (complete and return flyer available on OCPA's website).

OCPA holds its General Meetings on the second Wednesday of even months - the next general meeting will be April 13, 2005. Information on this and other OCPA events is available at [www.ocparalegal.org](http://www.ocparalegal.org)

## California Paralegal Definition Statute

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.



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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.

Free Career Counseling and Workshops Available - Paralegal certificate candidates (both men and women) are eligible for free counseling and workshops through the Women's Opportunity Center. Call 949.824.7128.

Certificate Candidacy - Certificate candidates must apply for admission into the program before completing the third course in which they enroll. - applications are available on the web.

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 Summer 2005 Schedule Announced

- Legal Admissions Meeting  
Mon. 6/20/2005  
RSVP 949.824.5528
- Fundamentals of  
Legal Assistantship  
Mon. 6/20-8/29/2005  
(Holiday 7/4/2005)
- Legal Writing—Section 1  
Wed. 6/29-8/31/2005
- Legal Writing—Section 2  
Thurs. 6/30-9/1/2005
- Civil Litigation I  
Tues. 6/21-8/23//2005
- Civil Litigation III—Section 1  
Wed. 6/29-8/31/2005
- Civil Litigation III—Section 2  
Thurs. 6/30-9/1/2005
- Ethics—Section 1  
Sat. 7/9-7/23/2005
- Ethics—Section 2  
Sat. 7/30-8/13/2005
- Corporate Law  
Tues. 6/28-8/30/2005
- Family Law  
Wed. 6/22-8/24/2005
- Torts  
Mon. 6/20-8/29/2005  
(Holiday 7/4/2005)
- Practical Applications of Civil  
Litigation: Mock Trial  
Mon. 6/20-8/8/2005  
(Holiday 7/4/2005)
- Paralegal Internship  
Tues. 6/21; 7/26; 8/23/2005
- Overview of Law Office Admini-  
stration  
Tues. 6/28-8/9/2005  
No class 7/26/2005  
Two full Saturdays  
7/16; 7/23/2005

