

UC Irvine Extension 2005-2006 Awards Ceremony Highlights

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On June 20, 2006, UC Irvine Extension honored individuals who received their certificates in the school year 2005-2006 at its Certificate Awards Ceremony.

Gary W. Matkin, Dean of Continuing Education, welcomed the attendees and saluted the certificate earners for their achievement in pursuing Extension's theme of "Lifelong Learning." He also recognized family and friends of the graduates for their support.

The student speaker was Victor Koman, a three-time certificate recipient.

In the 2005-2006 year, over 1,100 individuals completed UC Irvine Extension certificate programs. In the paralegal program, 66 individuals earned their paralegal certificates.

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The Adrian Tapia Trio entertained at the certificate awards ceremony on June 20, 2006.

The award ceremony is held annually in June. What a great way to recognize the hard work and sacrifices.

The Adrian Tapia Trio, a jazz group, entertained the attendees. After the awards ceremony, candidates, friends and family enjoyed refreshments in the plaza.

SAVE THE DATE! OCPA's 19th Annual Educational Conference

September 16, 2006 (Saturday)

8:30 A.M. to 3:45 P.M.

Irvine Marriott Hotel

18000 Von Karman

Irvine, CA 92612

"Unraveling the Mysteries of the Law"

Conference is geared for paralegals, paralegal students, attorneys and other legal professionals.

Students may attend at a reduced rate.
Details can be found at www.ocparalegal.org

Congratulations to all Graduates!



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Barbara Finley and Denise Estrada in the quad after receiving their paralegal certificates.

NALA Unveils Its New Advanced Paralegal Certification Program (APC)

The National Association of Legal Assistants (NALA) recently announced a new format for its specialty certifications which will replace the CLA Specialty (CLAS) program. The new program is titled the Advanced Paralegal Certification (APC).

NALA lists two purposes of the APC program: to provide first class continuing education courses for paralegals in various specialty practice areas of the law and to provide a certification process to recognize those who have achieved the CLA/CP certification and successfully completed an advanced course.

NALA has offered the CLAS program since 1982 when it offered CLAS exams in Civil Litigation and Probate and Estate Planning. In 1984, CLAS exams in Corporations/Business and Criminal Law and Procedure examinations were offered. The Real Estate specialty examination was offered for the first time in 1987; Bankruptcy in 1992; and Intellectual Property in 1995. As of the July 2004 CLA Specialty examinations, 1,081 CLAs have received a CLA Specialist designation. The CLAS exams were four-hour written exams given at a testing site three different times each year.

NALA's new APC Program is a curriculum-based Internet learning and assessment process where you sit at a PC and review and complete modules on various topics. The focus is on education and learning specific subject matter. NALA has unveiled three APC courses so far: Social Security Disability; Discovery and Contract Administration with more courses planned. The CLAS program in its former format is no longer offered and those who earned the CLAS and those who now successfully take and pass an Advanced Paralegal Certification course will be awarded the APC credential. Paralegals without the CLA/CP credential can take the APC courses. In order to use the APC certification, however, an individual without a CLA/CP must take and pass the CLA/CP exam within one year.

The California Specialty program ("CAS") is being redesigned in a similar format. Watch for exciting news from the Commission for Advanced California Specialization as the new courses become available.

Complete details on NALA's APC program can be found at www.NALA-apc.org

National Paralegal Associations Websites

American Alliance of Paralegals, Inc.
<http://www.aapipara.org>

National Association of Legal Assistants
 (NALA)
<http://www.nala.org>

National Federation of Paralegal Associa-
 tions (NFPA)
<http://www.paralegals.org>

Silent Auction/Summer Party - August 9, 2006

OCPA is having a Silent Auction/Hula Theme Party on Wednesday August 9, 2006 at the Irvine Marriott. No business is allowed - just meet and greet fellow paralegals while trying to be the successful bidder on great items. Items include a weekend stay at PGA West in Palm Springs, iPod, Gas Credit Card. It is always a fun event. Be warned - business attire is NOT appropriate - beach attire and flip flops are the dress code for this event. Visit www.ocparalegal.org for complete details.

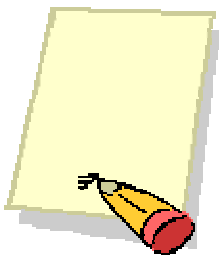
OCPA Conference - September 16, 2006

OCPA has a full day of education planned for its 20th Annual Educational Conference. The theme for this year's conference is "Unraveling the Mysteries of the Law" because the lunch keynote speaker is Sue Ann Jaffarian, a practicing paralegal and author of the Odelia Grey mystery book series. Odelia Grey is a plus-size paralegal who gets involved in murder cases. In "The Curse of the Holy Pail," Odelia meets with a client who a few hours later is found dead in his office. The conference will also feature Tita Brewster, ACP, NALA's newly installed 2006-2007 president as its morning keynote speaker.

The conference is geared to paralegals and some sessions are very apropos for students. Demystifying the Legal Job Search and Interview Process will feature Rose Mary Bordwell, a paralegal placement specialist. Kay Holmen and Karen Scott from KPC Legal Audit Services will discuss how to enter your billable time - "The Butler Did What??? ... Effective Billing Practices."

In addition, approximately 30 vendors of legal services and products will be exhibitors. The conference is a great way to network while getting continuing education credits. Students pay a reduced admission. Any new member who joins OCPA at the conference gets three months free (September 2006 through December 2007).

OCPA Scholarship Deadline Extended



OCPA is offering a \$500 Scholarship. The funds may be used to pay for a class, books, supplies, or CLA review course and/or materials. To enter the contest you need to write an essay on the following topic:

TOPIC: If you were Mark Burnett and you had to create a reality TV show about paralegals in the work force, what types of personalities would you recruit for the show, what kinds of tasks would you assign to your contestants, and what would be reasons for someone to be dismissed from the show.

Mark Burnett is the creative force behind the reality shows Survivor and the Apprentice. Imagine a reality program about paralegals, write about it and hopefully you'll be rewarded as the winner.

DEADLINE: September 15, 2006 (must be postmarked or electronically stamped)

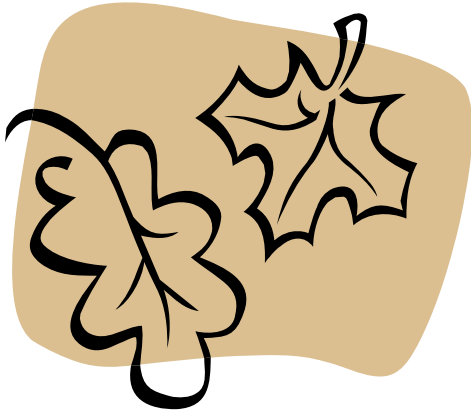
Essays can be sent by e-mail to DNakata@Rutan.com
 or by mail to:
 Scholarship Contest, OCPA, P.O. Box 8512, Newport Beach CA 92658

Some years, no one applies for the scholarship, so your chances are much better than winning the lottery.

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Paralegal Certificate Program Office
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Irvine, CA 92616-6050



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. NOTE: A "C-" or below is not a passing grade.

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.

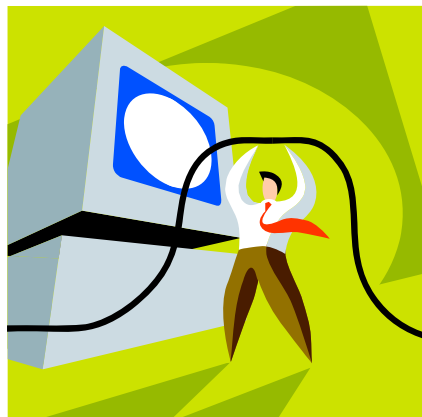
Certificate Candidacy - Certificate candidates must apply for admission into the program before completing the third course in which they enroll - applications are available on the web.

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 online at http://unex.uci.edu/certificates/business_mgmt/paralegal/

Tentative Fall 2006 Schedule Announced

- Legal Admissions Meeting
Tues. 9/12/2006
RSVP 949.824.5528
- Intro to the Legal System
Tues, Wed., Thurs.
9/12-9/14/2006
- Fundamentals of
Legal Assistantship
Wed. 9/20-11/22/2006
- Legal Research
Mon. 9/18-11/27/2006
(No class 10/2/2006)
- Legal Writing
Tues. 9/26-11/28/2006



- Business Law
Wed. 9/27-11/29/2006
- Computer Assisted Legal
Research
Tues, Wed., Thurs.
12/5-12/7/2006
- Software Applications for the
Legal Environment
Thurs. 9/21-12/14/2006
(Holiday 11/23/2006)
- Patent, Trademark &
Copyright Law
Tues. 9/26-11/28/2006
- Paralegal Internship
Tues. 9/12; 10/23; 11/20/2006
- Civil Litigation II
Wed. 9/27-11/29/2006
- Contracts
Thurs. 9/21-11/30/2006
(Holiday 11/23/2006)