

PACO Member Spotlight

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Education: Associate Degree, Paralegal Studies
Columbus State Community College
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Years of Experience: 22 years

Type of Law: Mass Tort Defense
Business Litigation

Why did you become a paralegal? I started as a legal secretary, and found that I had an aptitude for legal work and it was interesting and challenging. Later I had the opportunity to transition into a paralegal role. I had always wanted to go to college, so this was my chance to do all of that at once. I worked as a paralegal at a solo practice while simultaneously attending classes at night and earning my degree.

Hobbies/Talents: Going for walks with my husband and dogs on our property, working in my flower beds, golfing, watching sports on TV, and visiting with good friends.

What would you like to share about yourself that is not on your Resume?

Pro Bono outreach is my passion! I love being able to utilize the knowledge and skills I have acquired in the workplace to help people who cannot afford to retain the legal counsel that they need. I work a full-time job in the legal services industry which creates the vehicle for me to be involved in community service via our *Pro Bono* Wills Clinics and other Brief-Advice Clinics.