

Congratulations to Mary Theroux!

LAPA's Newsletter Chair, Mary Theroux, CP, was recently elected to serve as a member of the board of directors on the Commission for Advanced California Paralegal Specialization ("CACPS"). Congratulations Mary! Your dedication to the advancement of the paralegal profession is truly an inspiration.

For those of you that do not know or just need a reminder, CACPS was created in 1994, through an agreement between the National Association of Legal Assistants ("NALA") and the California Alliance of Paralegal Associations ("CAPA"). CACPS was created as the entity to oversee, develop and implement the California Advanced Specialist ("CAS") Examination Program in order to certify qualifying paralegals as having advanced knowledge in a specialty area of law based on California statutory and procedural requirements and case law.

CAS testing has been temporarily suspended. In cooperation with NALA, CACPS is in the process of modifying and updating the CAS program to a modern on-line based educational and assessment program. The first CAS assessments are expected to be available in late 2007.

The CAS credential identifies a highly skilled paralegal with specialized knowledge in California law. It demonstrates finely tuned expertise and ongoing commitment to legal education. It also helps lawyers and their clients evaluate the abilities of a California paralegal.

As a director for CACPS, Mary will be participating in developing and writing the content for the new advanced specialization assessments and assist the board in reaching its goals. For more information about CACPS, please visit its website at <http://www.cla-cas.org> where you can see a presentation on the development of the new on-line Educational and Assessment Program for Advanced California Specialization.