

CONGRATULATIONS TO LEE A. PAIGE, CLA!

Since 1995, LAPA has presented a Lifetime Achievement Award to a deserving paralegal or member of the legal community at its Annual October Conference. This year LAPA presented the Lifetime Achievement Award to Lee A. Paige, CLA.

The criteria for the Award are:

1. Dedication to the paralegal profession and to the progress of LAPA;
2. Contributions to the growth and development of the paralegal profession; and
3. Extended community involvement.

Lee has over 22 years of paralegal experience serving the Office of the Los Angeles County District Attorney, Los Angeles County Public Defender, and several preeminent Los Angeles firms. He is a graduate of the University Of West Los Angeles (UWLA) School Of Paralegal Studies with an ABA approved certificate and certificates in four legal specializations: civil litigation, environmental law, real estate, and intellectual property. He also holds a bachelor's degree in journalism. Always striving for excellence, Lee earned the Certified Legal Assistant (CLA) designation in 2002.

In May of 2003, Lee became one of six UWLA graduates chosen to receive the prestigious Bernard S. Jefferson Award of Excellence. The award is named in honor of the late California Appeals Court justice, Bernard S. Jefferson, who was a beloved judicial pioneer and President of UWLA for 15 years.

He has been an active member of LAPA since 1990. He served on the LAPA board of directors for 9 years and served as President in 1998. During and after his tenure as an officer and director of LAPA, he became a sought after guest speaker/lecturer at numerous colleges, universities, paralegal programs, high schools and elementary schools.

In addition to his incredible paralegal experience, Lee has also volunteered work and tutoring of students at Esperanza Elementary School and in other low-income communities of Los Angeles. For this work, he was awarded the "Opening Doors for Children Award" in March 2003.

For many years, Lee also volunteered with the "Bridges to the Future" program to mentor teens transitioning from the foster care system to adulthood, helping these teens with obtaining housing, enrolling in college, filling out employment forms, finding a job, and learning life skills.

Lee has too many achievements to list. His hard work and dedication to the paralegal profession has set the standard for all paralegals.

Congratulations Lee! You are certainly deserving of LAPA's 2007 Lifetime Achievement Award.