

Gears of Law

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WiE: Interview with Raena Hennan

By Alexandria Lovell

I had a chance to sit down with Raena Hennan, the Membership Director for the Minneapolis/St. Paul Chapter of Women in eDiscovery ("WiE"). Raena is also a paralegal at a large law firm in Downtown Minneapolis. As 2014 begins, this will be Raena's second year as the Membership Director for the Minneapolis/St. Paul Chapter of WiE.

According to WiE's website, they are an "organization that primarily provides educational opportunities regarding technology in the legal industry to its members." I asked Raena how WiE goes about fulfilling this goal, and she said that they typically have monthly luncheon meetings with a presenter, opportunities for networking, and two social events per year. WiE typically has about six community service opportunities per year as well.

The meetings vary and may consist of a single presenter

talking on a specific topic, or a panel of people talking about a topic or individual roundtable discussions. The community service opportunities vary as well—from serving meals, to creating bag lunches, to volunteering for Habitat for Humanity.

If Women in eDiscovery sounds like something you would like to get involved in, you can join by visiting their website at www.womeninediscovery.org, or going to the home page and clicking the "Register with WiE" link on the right-hand side of the page. The cost is free, so I would recommend doing so.

Finally, if you still aren't convinced to join WiE, I asked Raena some ways WiE helps paralegals. She said it is helpful when you are out of school to continue learning what you can because not everything can be covered by textbooks. WiE helps with networking, and in making contacts with other people in the industry.



Women in eDiscovery is free to join! Why wait?

I hope this has piqued your interest in WiE, and that you will decide to attend an upcoming meeting. You can visit their website for upcoming meeting information.

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ADR: Malice in Dallas

By Amber Cotton

As legal students, we all know that sometimes the goal is not to go to court. Sure, courts and trials bring fame, glory, and the stuff John Grisham novels are made of, but it's also costly, stressful, and really, really not fun. That's where alternative dispute resolution comes into the picture.

Alternative dispute resolution, also called "ADR", is any method used to settle a case out of court. Many attorneys will use arbitration, mediation, or a mixture of both. However, what if we could just flip a coin? Heads, I win the \$5 million in damages. Tails, you win \$10 million in damages.

However, this was the thinking behind the infamous Malice in

Dallas match dispute between Southwest Airlines and Stevens Aviation. In 1990, Southwest Airlines introduced their new slogan, "Just Plane Smart." However, Stevens Aviation claimed to be using their slogan, "Plane Smart," prior to Southwest.

The chairman of Stevens Aviation, Kurt Herwald, decided

Malice in Dallas Cont'd.

that rather than sue for infringement, he would challenge the CEO of Southwest Airlines, Herb Kelleher, to an arm wrestling match. Beginning as a Texas-based airline, Southwest was no stranger to large lawsuits. In the late 1960s, the airline got into trouble for offering lower tickets prices when prices at the time were all identical according to federal regulations.

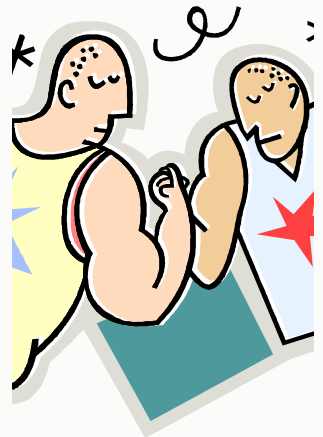
Kelleher decided to accept Herwald's offer and the match was set for March 20, 1992 in Dallas,

Texas. Thus, "Malice in Dallas" was born. The terms were simple: winner gets the rights to use the slogan, "Plane Smart," and the loser will donate money to charity. The winner would be determined by the best two out of three rounds.

In the end, Herwald won the arm-wrestling match (both men used "substitutions"), but decided to let Southwest Airlines keep using the slogan. Neither company spent

money on attorneys' fees, and boasted increased business due to the publicity. In addition, the companies received a congratulatory letter from then President, George H.W. Bush.

It's been over 20 years since "Malice in Dallas," and there hasn't been a lawsuit settlement quite like it. While it may not be the future of trial law, it may not hurt to be a little stronger than your opposing counsel, or at least think outside the box.



Did You Know...?

On May 24, 2012 e-filing became mandatory in Hennepin and Ramsey counties for civil and family law cases. Since then, e-filing usage has increased and has been made available to several other counties in Minnesota. This skill is becoming more in demand with employers, so how do you learn?

Visit mncourts.gov, and click on the eFile and eServe heading. The following resources are available for training:

- Live webinar sessions
- In-person training at Hennepin County Government Center
- Recorded seminars

Visit mncourts.gov for more details!

Upcoming Events

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PLSA Speaker Event

When: Thursday, March 6, 2014

Where: NHCC, CBT 174

Time: 6:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

Topic: Speakers Don LaBaron, Anoka County Attorney's Office, and Bryan Leary, Public Defender's Office—Pizza included!

MPA Corporate & Securities Sectional

When: Monday, March 10, 2014

Where: Gray Plant Mooty
80 South 8th Street, Suite 500
Minneapolis, MN 55402

Time: 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Topic: Brainstorming Session for Topics/Speakers 2014

MPA Real Estate Sectional

When: Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Where: Gray Plant Mooty
80 South 8th Street, Suite 500
Minneapolis, MN 55402

Time: 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Topic: Refresher Course on Cancelling Purchase Agreements and Contracts for Deed

MPA Family Law Sectional

When: Friday, March 14, 2014

Where: Walling, Berg & Debele, P.A.
121 South 8th Street, Suite 100
Minneapolis, MN 55402

Time: 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Topic: Indian Child Welfare Act and Implications of New Cases from the Supreme Court

2014 Minnesota Paralegal Association Membership

Minnesota Paralegal Association is a great place to meet other paralegals, attend informative sectionals at no cost, attend mixers, and more! Please visit mnpa.org for more information.

Paralegal Courses

Summer Session 2014

These courses are offered during the eight week summer session that runs June 9 – August 1 **unless otherwise noted.**
 Each course meets as indicated below:

MEETS MONDAYS/WEDNESDAYS	MEETS TUESDAY/THURSDAYS
<p>PLEG 2510 Contracts and Business Organizations 3:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. (3 credits), Instr.: Carrie Vaia Late Start Session – 8 weeks Session Runs: 6/9 – 8/1/2014</p>	<p>PLEG 1411 Litigation I 6:30 p.m. – 9:50 p.m. (3 credits), Instr.: Bor Yang Summer Session I – 6 weeks Session Runs: 5/19 – 6/27/2014</p>
<p>PLEG 2930 Legal Studies Seminar 6:00 – 9:20 p.m. (3 credits), Instr.: Mary Fenske Summer Session I – 6 weeks Session Runs: 5/19 – 6/27/2014 ** See Note Below **</p>	<p>PLEG 1210 Computer Applications in the Legal Profession 3:30 – 5:50 p.m. (2 credits), Instr.: Shawn Woodbury Summer Session II – 6 weeks Session Runs: 6/30 – 8/8/2014</p>
<p>PLEG 1111 Introduction to Law and Paralegal Studies 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. (3 credits), Instr.: Carrie Vaia Late Start Session – 8 weeks Session Runs: 6/9 – 8/1/2014</p>	

Note: This schedule is subject to change.

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****Both Internship and Practicum Students meet on Mondays; Practicum Students only meet on Wednesdays. Any student who has not submitted an Internship Learning Contract signed by their host site supervisor is considered a practicum student and must attend on Wednesdays.**

PARALEGAL COURSES FALL SEMESTER 2014 – REVISED SEPTEMBER 2013

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>PLEG 2212-01 Legal Research and Writing II 3:30 – 6:10 p.m. 3 credits Instr: Lattimore</p>	<p>PLEG 1111-01 Intro to Law and Paralegal Studies 12:00 -2:40 p.m. 3 credits Instr: Vaia</p>	<p>PLEG 2211-01 Legal Research and Writing I 12:00 – 2:40 p.m. 3 credits Instr: Fenske</p>			<p>PLEG 2930-71 Legal Studies Seminar 9:00 – 2:00 p.m. 3 credits Every other weekend Instr: Fenske</p>
<p>PLEG 1210-91 Computer Applications 4:30 – 6:10 p.m. 2 credits Instr: Woodbury</p>	<p>PLEG 2510-01 Contracts/Business Organizations 3:30 - 6:10 p.m. 3 credits Instr: Yang</p>	<p>PLEG 2310-01 Criminal Law 3:30 – 6:10 p.m. 3 credits Instr: Yang</p>	<p>PLEG 1330-01 Family Law (Hybrid) 3:30 – 6:10 p.m. 3 credits Instr: Yang</p>		
<p>PLEG 1210-92 Computer Applications 6:30 –8:10 pm 2 credits Instr: Woodbury</p>	<p>PLEG 1412-91 Litigation II 6:30 – 9:10 p.m. 3 credits Instr: Yang</p>	<p>PLEG 1411-91 Litigation I 6:30 – 9:10 p.m. 3 credits Instr: Yang</p>	<p>PLEG 1430-91 Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) 4:30 –6:10 p.m. (first 8 weeks) 1 credit Instr: Vaia</p>		
<p>PLEG 2211-91 Legal Research and Writing I 6:30 – 9:10 p.m. 3 credits Instr: Fenske</p>	<p>PLEG 1111-91 Intro to Law and Paralegal Studies 6:30 - 9:10 p.m. 3 credits Instr: Vaia</p>	<p>PLEG 2710-91 Wills, Trusts, Estates 6:30 – 9:10 p.m. 3 credits Instr: Lattimore</p>	<p>PLEG 2620-91 Property 6:30 –9:10 p.m. 3 credits Instr: Vaia</p>		
<p>PLEG 2212-91 Legal Research and Writing II 6:30 – 9:10 p.m. 3 credits Instr: Lattimore</p>					

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