

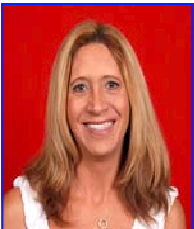
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Shelby says she was fortunate in being able to attend the Jumpstart Workshop in Washington, D.C. in August. Shelby met JAs from all over the country, and it was a great experience. The AO was particularly helpful in answering questions and offering many valuable insights. Shelby took away many useful tips and ideas about how to better assist Judge Jones.

**SPOTLIGHT ON
BECKY ROLLAND, CBA***New Orleans*

Becky Rolland was born and raised in New Orleans, but moved to Massachusetts in 1987 where she began her career as a bankruptcy and litigation paralegal. From 1990 to 1996, she worked for the Chapter 13 Trustees for the Eastern and Western Divisions of Massachusetts, an area that had many foreclosures due to the boom and bust of the real estate market during this time. In 1997, she started her own business, Freelance Paralegal Services, to assist bankruptcy attorneys with document retrieval and proofs of claim reviews. Due to her mother's illness in 2002, she moved back to her native New Orleans. She obtained her ABA certification in 2004 while working as a paralegal for Heller, Draper, Hayden, Patrick & Horn. In 2006, she was asked to submit a chapter on bankruptcy law for Carole Bruno's book, *Lessons From The Top Paralegal Experts: The 15 Most Successful Paralegals and What You Can Learn From Them*. In August, 2010 she completed and passed the Paralegal Advanced Competency test and has earned the designation of Registered Paralegal.

Presently, she is employed at Jones, Walker, Waechter, Poitevent, Carrere & Denegre, as paralegal to R. Patrick Vance. She is a member of the New Orleans Paralegal Association and currently serves as the National Federation of Paralegal Associations' Primary Representative. She has participated in panel discussions regarding the role of paralegals in bankruptcy law and has published numerous articles in trade publications regarding bankruptcy law.

**6th Circuit***By Patricia Francis, SD/OH***EASTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY**

Brenda Morgan, JA to **Hon. William S. Howard**, will be retiring from her position as of September 30, 2010. We wish Brenda lots of luck

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

Cheryl Kahler (OH/N) had this to report.: On September 2, 2010, **The Honorable Richard L. Speer** marked his 35th year with the United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Ohio, Western Division stationed in Toledo, Ohio.

Judge Speer was originally nominated by the late **United States District Judge Nicholas Walinski**, of Toledo, and appointed by the U.S. District Judges of the Northern District of Ohio. On October 1, 1986 and again in 2000, he was reappointed to a fourteen year term by the United States Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

During his tenure, Judge Speer has taken a keen interest in helping students entering the legal profession. He has had 172 legal and paralegal interns from various local colleges as well as colleges from around the country.

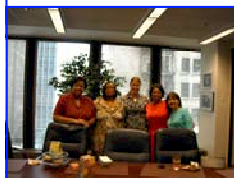
To date, Judge Speer has handled over 107,307 cases and counting.

He and his wife, Anita have a daughter, son and 5 & 5/9 grandchildren. It has been my honor and privilege working the past 23 years with Judge Speer.

7th Circuit*By Dorothy Clay, ND/IL*

Hello Everyone from Chi-Town.

Fall is in the air and everyone is pretty busy. Here are a few updates from my fellow 7th Circuit JA's:

*Kathy, Mimi,
Dorothy & Amy*

In Chicago, on August 24 we celebrated multi-decade birthdays with a BYOL and others brought gifts and giant cupcakes for the birthday girls, **Kathy Wachtel**, **Mimi Kuczynski**, **Dorothy Clay** and **Amy Sojka**. **Linda Montano** provided a picture of the occasion.

Rosemary Alexander had her family reunion in New Orleans over Memorial Day Weekend. Took a tour of the area

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