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## the Loop

A NEWSLETTER ABOUT THE LEGAL PARAPROFESSIONAL (LP) PROGRAM



### **SAVE THE DATE LawCats Live Webinar: Building a Legal Paraprofessional Program to Address Arizona's Justice Gap**

Join us on Monday, Sep. 12 from 12:15-1pm for a LawCats Live Webinar Session featuring an esteemed panel to include Vice Chief Justice Ann A. Scott Timmer, Court of Appeals Judge Maria Elena Cruz, Aaron Nash, Director of Certification & Licensing Division at the Arizona Supreme Court, and Keith Swisher, Professor of Legal Ethics and Director of the BA in Law and Master of Legal Studies Programs at University of Arizona Law (moderator).

The virtual session will provide a past, present and future overview of the Legal Paraprofessional program in Arizona as we celebrate the early

successes and hurdles of this groundbreaking innovation in legal services. We hope you will join us! Registration details will be available soon.



## UArizona Student Spotlight: Pam Kline

In August, the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law will award the first three Legal Paraprofessional (LP) Graduate Certificates. Pamela Kline is one of the Master of Legal Studies (MLS) students to achieve this new milestone.

Pam is a Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Geriatric Physical Therapy and has her clinical doctorate in physical therapy. She started the MLS program in 2018 interested in continuing her professional development in the healthcare field. Always passionate about history and law, Pam states, "The online MLS program fit my interests, goals and busy schedule."

Pam learned of the LP opportunity during her final year in the program and decided to extend her plan of study to take the required LP courses to pursue a future license to practice Administrative Law.

With the help of **Dr. Linus Kafka**, Assistant Director for the BA in Law and MLS programs, Pam secured an internship with the Industrial Commission of Arizona Workers' Compensation Division. Although admittedly not the Administrative Law area she had envisioned, Pam was pleasantly surprised by the overlap between her medical background and MLS education as it applied to this new area of law.

"I would advise future LP students to be open to any internship opportunities and

look for ways in which their unique skill sets can contribute to the worksite while they grow in their new legal skills. Also, remember that every interaction is an opportunity to expand your professional network."

In addition to earning the LP Certificate, Pam also completed the required course work to earn a **Health Law Certificate**.

Pam's advice to anyone considering furthering their education is, "Start and keep moving forward in your program of study. You may have to pause (as I did) for life issues, but one class at a time, you will complete your goal. I look forward to discovering the opportunities my U of A journey will create in my future."

Congratulations Pam and BEAR DOWN!

## LP Ranks Continue to Grow

Four more LPs earned their license to practice at the recent Board of Nonlawyer Legal Service Providers meeting on July 18, 2022.

Alejandra Gerardo, Tara Hughes and Rhonda Chatman joined the LPs who are currently licensed to practice family law, bringing the total number of licenses for the family law practice area to twenty.

Julie Rodriguez was licensed to practice civil law, joining Chelsea Woodworth as the two LPs possessing a license in the civil area of practice. Notably, Woodworth is the only LP to date licensed to practice both civil and family law.

Based on information reported during the meeting, there are an additional 11 LPs who are eligible for licensure having passed both required exams. This group may be able to receive licenses as soon as the next meeting scheduled for Sep. 26.

Also of note is the addition of two LPs to the Board of Nonlawyer Legal Service Providers. Their input and guidance will be important for all future developments in the LP profession.

## IN THE NEWS



## Meet Chelsea Woodworth

Legal Paraprofessional in Limited Jurisdiction Civil and Family Law, Legal Document Preparer, and Advanced Certified Paralegal

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## DATES + DEADLINES

AUG  
01

### [Arizona Law MLS Application Deadline](#)

For fall 2022 start

AUG  
03

### [LP License Exam](#)

Morning session only

AUG  
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### [LP License Exam](#)

Morning or afternoon session

AUG  
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### [LP License Exam](#)

Afternoon session only

SEP  
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Morning and afternoon session

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Morning session only

SEP  
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Morning session only

DEC  
15**Arizona Law MLS Application Deadline**

For spring 2023 start

JAN  
00**First Annual LP Summit**

More information to come!

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