

National Capital Area Paralegal Association

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NCAPA ANNOUNCES CREATION OF MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP A Tribute to the Professional Excellence & Personal Integrity of Andrea Lupanze

Washington, D.C. -- The National Capital Area Paralegal Association (NCAPA) has established the *Andrea Lupanze PACE Memorial Scholarship* to recognize the extraordinary contributions of Andrea Lupanze who passed away unexpectedly of a preexisting heart condition on June 25, 2007.

Ms. Lupanze served on the Board of Directors of NCAPA from 1999 to 2004 and held the office of President for four terms. In addition to her contribution to NCAPA, she was active in the National Federation of Paralegal Associations and the Foundation for the Advancement of the Paralegal Profession.

"Because Andrea was a strong advocate for the paralegal professional, and worked tirelessly to encourage other paralegals to join the RP ranks, NCAPA wanted to create a legacy that would embody her dedication and spirit," said Raymond Marbury, President of NCAPA. Ms. Lupanze received her Registered Paralegal (RP) designation on July 8, 2002, upon passing the Paralegal Advanced Competency Exam (PACE).

The scholarship will be awarded annually to a member of NCAPA who meets the requirements for PACE, and demonstrates the professional excellence and personal integrity of Ms. Lupanze. This year's scholarship will be presented on November 5, 2007, at NCAPA's Annual Meeting of the Members and Dinner to be held at the National Press Club.

Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP, who employed Ms. Lupanze as a paralegal since 2004 in both their Washington D.C. and San Francisco offices, has agreed to sponsor this year's scholarship. The \$800 scholarship is a one-time award to cover the cost of PACE registration, exam fee, candidate's handbook, study manual, online practice exam, and online review course.

"Andrea contributed a lot to Gibson Dunn with her special skills, enthusiasm, excellent performance, and especially the warmth of her personality" said Fred Brown, Partner in Charge of Gibson Dunn's San Francisco office. "We want to honor her dedication and commitment to the paralegal profession."

The announcement of the scholarship comes as NCAPA begins its Paralegal Week celebration. NCAPA members interested in applying for the scholarship can obtain the application online at the association's website. The deadline for submission is October 24, 2007.

The National Capital Area Paralegal Association (NCAPA) is a voluntary, non-profit organization formed in 1974 by paralegals living or working in the District of Columbia, Suburban Maryland, and Northern Virginia dedicated to the advancement of the paralegal profession. For over 30 years, NCAPA has promoted the professional interests of paralegals, and fostered continuing education opportunities within the community. Through regular meetings NCAPA presents panel discussions and speakers on essential issues in various areas of the law. Each year the association holds a Mid-Year Meeting and Crab Feast, Paralegal Week celebrations, Educational Conference, and Annual Meeting of Members and Dinner. For more information on NCAPA, visit www.ncapa.com.

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