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FIRST IMPRESSION — A LASTING ONE

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I attended my first AAFPE conference in Orlando, Florida, on Oct. 2, 2002, and decided to really jump in with both feet and get better acquainted with AAFPE by also competing in the "Excellence in Teaching Competition." It was a tight schedule. I arrived in Orlando on Wednesday in the early afternoon, took part in the teaching competition later that afternoon, met everyone that evening, attended the breakfast, seminars and luncheon on Thursday and was back in New York teaching my Constitutional Law class on Friday. As the mother of three boys under seven (James, JonPaul & Justin), this schedule actually wasn't as hectic as it may have seemed.

Partaking in these endeavors, to be an attendee and a contestant in the competition, was time well spent. When I left the conference, I realized how caught up I had become in the day-to-day work schedule and routine of class/advisement hours, committee work, grading, research and other related educational duties and that I had lost sight of how engaging and professionally rewarding an exchange with peers in the same field can be. Since the conference, I have been notified that I have been selected as the North East Regional reviewer for the AAFPE scholarship competition.

The dedication and commitment of AAFPE and its membership in promoting better teaching and teaching effectiveness are reasons why I believe my first full-fledged meeting with AAFPE will turn into a long and valued association/friendship. ❖

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AAFPE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2003

- January 1 Membership dues must be paid to be included in the directory
- February 7-9 Board of Directors meeting, St. Louis, Missouri
- February 15 *Journal of Paralegal Education and Practice* manuscripts and abstracts due to Editor-in-Chief
- March 1 *Educator* articles due to Editor-in-Chief for spring edition
- March 15 *Journal of Paralegal Education and Practice* Editor assigned to work with author
- March 21-22 North Central Regional Conference, Kingsgate Conference Center, Cincinnati, Ohio
- March 21-22 South Central Regional Conference, The Menger Hotel, San Antonio, Texas
- March 28-29 North East Regional Conference, The Newport Harbor Hotel and Marina, Newport, Rhode Island
- April 4-5 Pacific Regional Conference, The Wyndham Hotel at Orange County Airport, Costa Mesa, California
- April 15 *Journal of Paralegal Education and Practice* second draft due
- April 25-26 South East Regional Conference, The Chattanooga Clarion Hotel, Chattanooga, Tennessee
- May 30-June 1 Board of Directors meeting, O'Hare Airport Hilton, Chicago, Illinois
- June 1 *Educator* articles due to Editor-in-Chief for fall edition
- June 15 *Journal of Paralegal Education and Practice* final revisions due
- October 15-18 Annual Conference, Hyatt Regency at Union Station, St. Louis, Missouri
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