

A Special Congrats to Joanne Randa!

The FBA Paralegal Section is pleased to announce that our very own Joanne Randa has recently received two distinguished accolades, both of which center around her tireless dedication to the Fairfax County *pro bono* community. In June of 2008, Joanne received the prestigious Chief Justice Harry L. Carrico *Pro Bono* Award from Legal Services of Northern Virginia (LSNV). In October of 2008, at the National Federation of Paralegal Associations (NFPA)'s convention, Joanne was named as the organization's *Pro Bono* Paralegal of the Year. Joanne is employed with the law firm of Cooper Ginsberg Gray PLLC as its Senior Paralegal.

Joanne has volunteered for the past five years with LSNV. She volunteers a great deal of her personal time to its monthly Uncontested Divorce Clinics and assists in the drafting of pleadings and letters related to several *pro bono* divorce cases referred by LSNV to local supervising volunteer attorneys.

Joanne's community service does not stop there. She assists with the administration of our Section's annual Valentine Project for benefit of the Fairfax Girls' and Boys' Probation Houses, and currently serves as *Pro Bono* Co-Chair of the Paralegal Association of Northern Virginia (PANV). It is the latter organization that nominated Joanne for this year's NFPA *Pro Bono* Paralegal of the Year Award.

Our Section, and indeed the Bar as a whole, is fortunate to have a fellow member in Joanne Randa. She demonstrates a level of selflessness that each of us should aspire to emulate. Congratulations, Joanne!

For information regarding *pro bono* opportunities available through the FBA, please contact Arlene Beckerman, Esquire, Northern Virginia *Pro Bono* Law Center (NVPBLC), at abeckerman@fairfaxbar.org. For information about volunteer opportunities through Legal Services of Northern Virginia (LSNV), contact Russ Hatchl at rhatchl@lsnv.org.

Information regarding the National Federation of Paralegal Associations (NFPA) may be found at www.paralegals.org, and information regarding the Paralegal Association of Northern Virginia (PANV) may be found at www.panv.org.