

## Paralegal Section Announces Winner of Certification Scholarship



Lori Jones, Fairfax County Department of Family Services, Adult Protective Services Division, is this year's scholarship winner.

The FBA Paralegal Section is pleased to announce that Lori Jones, employed by the County's Department of Family Services, Adult Protective Services Division, is our 2008-2009 Paralegal Certification Scholarship recipient, in the amount of \$150.00.

Education and certification are of significant importance to our Section and the profession as a whole. We are grateful to have established an annual scholarship offering which began last year. This year's scholarship was funded with the Section's residual budget.

Lori is eligible to take the National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc.'s Paralegal Advanced Competency Exam (PACE). As part of our Section's scholarship eligibility requirements, Lori must take the exam between now and December 24, 2009. She plans to do so over the summer. There are 15 paralegals within the Commonwealth of Virginia, and more than 700 paralegals nationwide, who have successfully completed PACE, and who are thus entitled to use the professional designation "RP" or Registered Paralegal.

Lori's dedication to the Section is immensely appreciated. She headed up our record-setting annual food drive last year for benefit of the Capital Area Food Bank. We netted 1410 pounds of food (up from 782 pounds the prior year) and \$280.00 in monetary donations (up from \$200.00 the prior year). Moreover, Lori has been elected to serve as our Section's Secretary for 2009-2010.

Congratulations Lori! Thank you for your commitment to the paralegal profession and our community.