

Message From the Board...

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We made it through the first Quarter! And how quickly it went.

The OCALRA Educational Conference on Friday, February 5 was a complete success – an afternoon full of food, fun, fudge (well, chocolate), and fundamentals. April's general meeting, hosted at Greenberg Traurig covered the "Do's and Don'ts of Electronic Diligence."

Next up on the agenda for our June meeting (on Friday, June 4th) will be an update from this year's NALP conference. The meeting will be held at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher at noon. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Terrie Boone
President

Kjerstin Fedalen
Vice President

Jennifer Puente
Secretary/Treasurer

2010 Educational Conference

The 2010 Educational Conference was held at the [Hyatt Huntington Beach Resort](#) on February 5th. We began the day with a delicious lunch and an ice breaker about interesting women in history. After taking a tour of the hotel (and walking off some of that lunch!), Katy Goshtasbi of [Puris Image & Style](#) gave tips on projecting the right image to win over internal and external clients.

The group then took a break to learn about the properties of chocolate and wine (thanks to co-sponsor Wendy Sullivan of [Update Legal!](#)). Did you know that white chocolate is not actually considered to be chocolate by the FDA? Go figure! Amidst chocolate and wine, Beth Moeller, Assistant Dean of Career Services at UCLA and NALP board member, led a lively discussion of the proposed changes to the NALP timing guidelines [note: a modified version of the guidelines has since been adopted on a provisional basis.] The conference concluded with a roundtable discussion led by [Quest Relocation](#) about selling points for living in Orange County.



Esther Villa, Alice Kelly and Terrie Boone
at the 2010 Educational Conference

While it was not exactly "fun in the sun" -- it poured rain most of the day -- it was a beautiful day for the raffle winner, who took home a Sephora gift card courtesy of [Chapman School of Law](#). The conference was a great chance to get to know one another better and to enhance our professional development. We were delighted to have so many colleagues from LAALRA join us as well. Our thanks go to the conference planning committee-- Suzanna Adelizi and Erin Riley Khorram

of Chapman School of Law, Kathy Fleming of O'Melveny & Myers, and Annalyn Godwin of Gibson Dunn & Crutcher.

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Mark your Calendars...

- *06/04/10 at Gibson Dunn; Topic: NALP Recap*
- *09/15/10- Location and Topic TBD*
- *November Charitable Outreach- Date TBD*
- *December Holiday Lunch- Date TBD*

If you are interested in hosting an upcoming meeting, please contact

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Welcome new OCALRA member!
Lakshmi Paranthaman
Career Advisor,
Employer Communications
University of San Diego
School of Law
Joined May 5, 2010



Member Spotlight...

Datty McGraw

Recruiting Coordinator at
Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton



Q. What was your first "real" job?

A. My first "real" job was a marketing representative for a medical company.

Q. What is your favorite restaurant in Orange County?

A. My favorite restaurant is Gordon James in San Clemente
(<http://www.gordonjamesgrill.com/>).

Q. What three cities have you lived in, or what three favorite cities have you lived in?

A. I was raised in Chicago and now call San Clemente my home. I have lived in many different cities but Chicago and San Clemente are my favorite.

Q. One random fact about yourself.

A. Some facts (but not so random) - my husband teaches 5th grade in San Clemente and I have two beautiful daughters (ages 14 and 11) who are avid soccer players.

OCALRA Breakfast at the 2010 NALP Conference



The "withering" humidity notwithstanding, the OCALRA contingent (minus Liz Berner, who was busy preparing for her presentation), enjoyed the chance to connect over breakfast at Palmeras Restaurant on Day 2 of the 2010 NALP Conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico. From bottom left: Lorraine Connally (Allen Matkins), Erin Riley Khorram (Chapman), Suzanna Adelizi (Chapman), Liz Schroeder (UCI), Jennifer Kim (Chapman) and Alice Kelly (Crowell & Moring).