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She has been active in the American Association for Paralegal Educators (AAfPE) since 1989. She has served on numerous committees, was editor of *The Paralegal Educator*, and served as President of AAFPE in 2001–2002. She has chaired and served on the national conference committee since 2002. She has been a frequent speaker at regional and annual AAfPE conferences, often covering research and writing.

She is actively involved in paralegal organizations and frequently creates continuing education sessions on legal research and writing, as well as other topics, for programs sponsored by the Indiana State Bar Association, the Indianapolis Bar Association, and Indiana Paralegal Association. She has been a speaker for the National Association of Legal Assistants (NALA), the National Federation of Paralegal Associations (NFPA), Illinois Paralegal Association, American Alliance of Paralegals, Inc. (AAPI), Navy Legalmen, and others. She has served NALA on its certifying board, served on NFPA's Board of Directors, and is on the credentialing board for AAPI. She reviews, publishes, and lectures on various areas of paralegal education such as research and writing, grant writing, litigation, career development, communication, internships, and substantive law topics.

In 2010, Indiana Governor Mitchell Daniels named her an Outstanding Hoosier. The award, presented during the AAfPE conference, was presented by her long-time friend and supporter, The Honorable John G. Baker, Chief Judge of the Indiana Court of Appeals. After several visits to the SMWC Law Day, a program she organized at the Woods that brings the Indiana Court of Appeals to campus to present an actual case to area middle and high school students, Judge Baker decided that they should "take the show on the road," and today the Indiana Court of Appeals travels to various cities in Indiana meeting with students at the high school and college levels. The SMWC Law Day program was named the ABA "Outstanding Law Day Program for 1998."

Locally, she has been Vice President in Children's Theatre of Terre Haute and a Girl Scout leader. She is a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), on the CASAKids board after serving two years as its president, and is a Mother's March of Dimes volunteer. She also holds a black belt in Tae Kwon Do.

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