



## PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY

Annual Educational Seminar  
Saturday, October 13, 2007  
Santa Clara Hilton  
4949 Great America Parkway  
Santa Clara, CA 95054

### Featured Speakers

**Michael G. Desmarais, Esq.**, has a practice in Los Gatos, California, specializing in Estate Planning, Administration and Litigation. He is currently President of the Silicon Valley Bar Association and a Commissioner for the State Bar of California. Mr. Desmarais is a Certified Specialist in Probate, Estate Planning and Trust Law for the California Board of Legal Specialization of the State Bar of California, a member of the State Bar of California Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law Advisory Commission, a member of the Executive Committee of the Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law Section of the State Bar of California, the Chairman of the Litigation Subcommittee of the Executive Committee of the Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law Section of the State Bar of California, and a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC). He is a graduate of Hastings College of Law where he was a member of the Order of the Coif, the Thurston Society, and the Hastings Law Review, and is a recipient of the American Jurisprudence Estate Planning Award.

Mr. Desmarais is an author of the California Trust and Estate Litigation book by CEB. He has lectured four separate times to the probate judges of the superior courts of the State of California through the California Center for Judicial Education and Research.

**Chere B. Estrin, Ph.D.**, is the author of eight career guidance books, including *The Attorney Career Guide*, *The Paralegal Career Guide (Third Edition)*, and *The Successful Paralegal's Job Search Guide*. Ms. Estrin, CEO of the Los Angeles-based legal professional training organization, Estrin LegalEd, and founder of The Paralegal SuperConferences™, holds a doctorate in Human Resources Development. She is a former executive with a Fortune 500 Corporation, an administrator in two major law firms and a successful entrepreneur. She has been interviewed by *Newsweek*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *Working Woman*, *Latina*, *Maxim*, *The Tennessean*, *Frontier*, *The Daily Journal*, *The New York Times* and other well-regarded publications. She is the career advice columnist for a prestigious legal magazine and was also named as "Career Guru" for *Legal Assistant Today* magazine. She is a recipient of the Century City/Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce "Woman of Achievement Award," an *Inc.* magazine "Entrepreneur of the Year" finalist; a *California Lawyer* magazine "LAMMIE" award winner, and Los Angeles Paralegal Association Lifetime Achievement Award recipient. She is also a co-founding member of The International Paralegal Management Association.

An energetic seminar leader, Ms. Estrin has been a featured speaker for the Association of Legal Administrators, the California State Bar, the International Paralegal Management Association, the ABA, Women in Business, national and regional paralegal associations, UCLA, the Ohio State Bar and Loyola University. She has appeared on radio and TV, and has led many retreats and workshops in top law firms and corporations across the country.

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**Rick Albee**, President and founder of DataChasers® , Inc., Forensic Computer Evidence Discovery, is certified through multiple disciplines in computer forensics. He is a former police lieutenant with 29 years of service, including four year as the operations lieutenant of the detective division, where he supervised all major crime investigations, including computer forensics and fraud investigations. He is an I.A.C.I.S. (International Association of Computer Investigative Specialists) certified graduate, a P.O.S.T. (Peace Officer Standards and Training) Command College graduate, and earned a Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Southern California. He is a recipient of the California Department of Justice's highest accolade, the Medal of Valor, as well as the State of California Attorney General's Certificate for Valor. He is an expert witness in several jurisdictions, as well as a Special Master to Federal Court. Mr. Albee can be reached at [www.DataChasers.com](http://www.DataChasers.com).

**Mark E. Michels, Esq.**, is a 1979 graduate of the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service. He received a commission as an officer in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany during the last years of the Cold War. He returned to military assignments in Washington, D.C., and graduated from the evening division of the Georgetown University Law Center in 1987. Mr. Michels joined the law firm of McKenna & Cuneo in 1987. He was an associate attorney in the D.C. and San Francisco offices of the firm where his practice focused on government contracts disputes and international regulatory matters until he joined Cisco Systems, Inc. in 1996.

Mr. Michels joined Cisco in January 1996 as the first attorney dedicated to supporting the U.S. Federal Sales team. His responsibilities soon expanded to include managing the legal team supporting Cisco's Sales organization throughout the Western Hemisphere. In late-2000, Mr. Michels moved from supporting the Sales organization to become the first attorney at Cisco to be responsible for managing commercial litigation and disputes. In his current role, he focuses on patent-related litigation and disputes.