

July Spotlight Member Theresa Wolkoff

Our July Spotlight Member is Theresa Wolkoff. She was born and raised in San Francisco near Ocean Beach and when she was not attending school at St. Monica's, she enjoyed the rides at "Playland at the Beach." After her eighth year of school, the family moved to Switzerland when the World Health Organization in Geneva hired her stepfather to work for them. He just happens to be one of the top 10 scientists in the world for parasitic diseases.

While in Switzerland, Theresa completed her 9th and 10th year of school, coming back to San Francisco for her 11th year. When her parents retired and moved to Spain, she joined them for six months. After taking six months off, Theresa learned that the schools in Spain are not accredited in the United States and she now needed more credits to graduate. Going on the advice of her mother, Theresa returned to the states and in 1980 graduated from court reporting school.

Theresa likes challenges and says that is what motivates her. She believes that is why she likes her job so much. Just recently, she went to a deposition only to discover there would be no less than seven attorneys. How is that for a challenge? Her motto is to "Never, never, never give up." and attributes her success to those words.

If you were to look at just one day in Theresa's life on the job, it would look something like this:

Your workday would begin at 10:00 a.m. at a lawyer's office. Your assignments are different every day and you have no idea what you are walking into. You go somewhere different every day. Your assignment could be anything from Workers' Compensation, a divorce to an auto accident or slip and fall. You never know how long it is going to last and every attorney has their own modus operandi for taking a deposition so you have to be prepared to stay all day, if necessary.

Even with those ever-changing assignments, Theresa says that since every story is different the best part is that it lends to a more interesting job and she never, never, never gives up on any assignment!

When asked about her experience as a member of Santa Clara County Legal Professionals Association she said she commends the members for going beyond their daily work schedule to attend the meetings and take the California Certified Legal Secretary exam to further themselves in their field. Theresa enjoys the speakers and always learns something new. By attending the meetings, Theresa has even assisted other court reporting firm owners cover jobs. We thank Theresa for her continued support and congratulate her as our July Spotlight Member!