

Amy Ramos is a San Jose native and has lived in the area for her entire life. After high school, she attended West Valley College and then transferred and graduated from San Jose State University (SJSU) in 2000. Amy is half Scottish and is the oldest of three children. Her mum grew up in Glasgow and her parents met at a pub when her Father was stationed in the Navy in Scotland. Amy's dad still lives in the same house that she grew up in. She has a younger sister and a younger brother and feels very fortunate that they all live close to one another.

Amy feels that her path chose her. Back in late 2014, she was talking to a coworker and Amy mentioned that she was about to turn 40 and wanted a change in career. Amy was encouraged to join the paralegal program at West Valley College. Amy's friend thought that Amy would be great as a paralegal because she had worked as an Administrative Assistant for close to 15 years. It took her about 18 months to finish the program as she was working full-time and taking classes at night. Amy received her paralegal certificate at West Valley College in December 2016.

Amy works at a small family law office in Downtown San Jose. Every day is different! While her job can be stressful, she truly enjoys working with an amazing group of co-workers. They are her second family!

Shortly after she joined SCCoLPA, she found out that she could become a California Certified Legal Secretary (CCLS). Since she is always finding ways to grow and learn, her goal was to take the exam and pass it. In January 2018, she signed up to take the exam that was scheduled for September 2018. She is happy to announce that she passed on the first time!! She is very proud of her accomplishment and is looking forward to her future.

Amy's boss encourages her to "get her name out there" as a paralegal and Amy believes that her boss is incredibly supportive of Amy and of her participation in SCCoLPA.

If you follow Amy on social media, you know that she is obsessed with Orangetheory. She takes her health and fitness seriously and works out five days a week. Also, Amy's an avid San Jose Sharks, San Francisco 49ers, and Oakland A's fan (she grew up in a SF Giants family and she married into an Oakland A's family). She grew up watching sports and her dad taught her how to play baseball when she was a kid.

She and her husband live with their two cats, Raffi Torres and Aurora. Yes, they named their cats after sports players ☺. Also, they go gold prospecting for a week during the summer in Amador County. As a matter of fact, Amy and her

husband's wedding rings are made-out of gold that they found! The two of them were high school sweethearts and enjoy spending their free time outdoors.

Amy knows how important it is to live your life with gratitude. You never know if you will be on this Earth the next day. Be grateful for what you have. In fact, she writes five things that she is grateful for in her journal every day.

SCCoLPA has helped Amy come out of her shell. She's an introvert and going to meetings and conferences was difficult for her at first. When she attended her first SCCoLPA meeting, everyone was so welcoming, and she really enjoyed it. Since she wanted to participate more with SCCoLPA, she volunteered to be a committee member for the Second Quarterly Conference that was in Reno, NV this past November. It was a great experience and Amy highly recommends volunteering with SCCoLPA.