

April Spotlight Member Kiwi Le

In Kiwi's junior year in high school a very good friend of hers mentioned she was planning on attending law school. Kiwi's response was a resounding "I'm not touching that"! At that time, she considered it to be a brain damaging career choice. You see, Kiwi is an art lover but she did not want to be a "starving artist" so she chose to obtain a degree in Business Administration.

When Kiwi graduated from San Jose State, her first full-time job was with Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy, LLP as a Team Support Specialist. She would arrive at 7:00 a.m. and leave at 7:00 p.m. She likened it to the "greatest sweat shop" she had ever worked for. What she took away from her experience was that she found it intense, interesting and liked that she had a part in having a meaningful impact on people's lives.

Kiwi decided to stay in the legal field and accepted a new position as legal assistant/office manager for a small personal injury firm. From there, she worked concurrently with a solo estate planning attorney as a paralegal. By then, she was absolutely certain that she would stay working as a legal secretary/assistant/paralegal. She finds the work suits her.

Fast forward and Kiwi became the proud parent of a son they named Luka! She took a short break from working and after a few months, she was more than ready to go back to work. Apparently, being a stay at home mom pushed her to the edge of her sanity so she blasted her resume and was lucky enough to find Nolan, Barton, Bradford & Olmos was hiring. She accepted the position and said she is immensely grateful to have the opportunity to work in criminal defense.

Kiwi said that working in the criminal defense field, she has learned so much more about humanity and how to deal with conflicts in a much more profound way that she never knew existed. By working at Nolan, Barton, Bradford & Olmos. She has discovered that she has become a kinder person to herself and her family. She has learned to accept mistakes, flaws, the good with the bad. My boss couldn't have said it better, "the good, the bad, it's all part of the same coin."

Working as a legal professional has taught me far more about life than she had ever anticipated. After joining SCCOLPA, via Jill Gardella, CCLS and Christina Hall, CCLS, she has become more much appreciative of what this profession has to offer and all of those who practice it. She feels very blessed that Vivian Shreve, CCLS, Christina Hall, CCLS and Elizabeth Cameron, CCLS helped me preparing for the CCLS exam. She said it would not be the same without them.

Kiwi is said she was very honored to be April's Spotlight Member and she wants to thank SCCOLPA for allowing her to be a part of this great association of working legal professionals.