

Roberta Gentilim-Purcell, 2005 Graduate, Paralegal Studies

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Faculty often keeps in touch with our alumni, and we reconnected recently with Roberta Gentili-Purcell through Susan Howery, Campus Dean for Prescott valley. Roberta is an Italian lawyer, who in January 2005, began to take Susan's class, "Introduction to Paralegal Studies" at the Prescott Campus.

At the time Roberta didn't even know what a paralegal was, yet she feels very lucky and grateful to Susan because Yavapai College opened up a whole new world for her!

She continued her classes with Yavapai College, and in May 2007 she obtained her Post-Degree in Paralegal Studies. In the meantime, and with great sacrifice, she was able to continue her practice in Italian Law as well as to raise her family. In addition to her first daughter, Sofia Maria (she was pregnant during Susan's class, as a matter of fact), this spring she just had her son, Nicola Leopoldo.

Roberta hopes to become a Foreign Legal Consultant, which is a lawyer admitted under another jurisdiction different from Arizona who, upon demonstration that he/she in good standing with his/her own Bar, has had no disciplinary actions and had continuously practiced law, is officially recognized also by the Arizona State Bar. As you can imagine, this would be a very important step for her and we know she will succeed!