The Inner Workings of Bankruptcy Practice at Fremont College

There are two things that I love; open minds and a captive audience. On Wednesday, March 3rd, I was invited to speak to the paralegal students at <u>Fremont College in</u> <u>Cerritos</u>, California, on the topic of <u>The Inner Workings of Bankruptcy Practice</u>. With the current Great Recession in full swing, personal finance and bankruptcy has touched us all. These students were ripe with personal questions and questions on behalf of clients they have in their

us all. These students were ripe with personal questions and questions on behalf of clients they have in their respective fields. Among the students were Realtors and tax preparers who know all too well that the people they meet may well need to file for bankruptcy in order to accomplish their financial goals.

We discussed the history of bankruptcy; the various bankruptcy chapters; the 2005 enactment of the <u>BAPCPA</u>; and what really caused the economic meltdown. These are unprecedented times and I felt that during the rapid fire questions brought forth by these eager minds. I shared my own personal experiences and explained the important role that paralegals have to a bankruptcy practice and the new world of 'virtual paralegals.' The virtual paralegal can work from any computer to assist our practice without having to sit in our office. We can cut costs and be more efficient in our work by using <u>virtual paralegals</u>.

I love that <u>Fremont College</u> is an ABA Accredited program in paralegal studies and that they reach out to the community to bring current and relevant information to help prepare their students for life after their degrees are earned. I just want to give a big Thank You to Fremont College for <u>inviting me to speak to their paralegal students</u>. I would like to personally thank <u>William Kamstra</u> for making the connection and Gerry Mendoza, Assistant Director of Student and Career Services, for pulling this together and making it happen.

