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1. How did you get your start in the legal industry?

Since I was ten, I wanted to be a lawyer. However, after one year of law school I knew that was not for me. I quickly discovered that I loved the support side of law firms. I started at Dunn, Hart & McDonald in San Francisco.

2. How did you move into the role as a Legal Administrator?

My first legal position was secretarial. Within a few years, opportunities arose in the management side of it. I moved to Milwaukee in 1977, started at the Warshafsky Law Firm, and after 43 years, am still at it. When I started with Warshafsky, there were 12 employees. Less than ten years later the firm had grown to 50.

3. Why did you join WALA?

The initial interest was in the educational side of what WALA had to offer. Because the firm was growing rapidly, I needed to make some connections with other administrators, for their first-hand knowledge.

4. What is your fondest or funniest memory from a WALA event?

Funniest was when my business card was drawn at least six times during business partner prize drawings at a WALA annual educational day luncheon. After the third win, I declined the prize and insisted the emcee draw another card. It looked like the fix was in!

5. What one word best describes the benefits you've derived from your WALA membership and why?

Networking. It is especially valuable when considering applicants who formerly worked at other member firms.

6. Other than COVID-19, what is the biggest change in the legal industry you've noticed during your time in WALA?

Technology, and how it has impacted every segment of law firm life. When I started my career, the state of the art was a huge law library, secretaries with steno pad and shorthand, IBM Correcting Selectric typewriters and carbon paper for producing legal work. Today, it's all beamed up with the push of a button!