



In the Spotlight

Highlighting Exceptional Employees

Carolyn Worsley

Paralegal

Carolyn Worsley joined the Town of Chapel Hill in May. As paralegal, she supports town attorneys Ralph Karpinos, Tiffanie Sneed and Matt Sullivan in protecting the Town's legal interests and providing answers to ever-changing, complex legal questions. She identifies legal resources and information on various topics, manages files in different stages of activity and stays current on new and changing laws.

She says: "I love my job. I like the variety—every day brings a new challenge or research question... the Town brings together a diverse array of departments with their own special service areas. There can be unique regulations and laws for each one."

Carolyn enjoys being involved in a public service organization, particularly seeing the activities that each department undertakes to deliver its particular service to the community. She also currently serves on the Town's Document Management Focus Group which is exploring implementing an electronic records management system.

She spent most of her career and raised her family in Washington,

N.C. She has years of experience in local government communications and before that, journalism. A tar heel fan, her education includes a bachelor's degree from UNC in journalism and a master's degree from East Carolina University in English. In 2005, she decided to change careers and study to become a paralegal, later working at a private law firm. She feels like all of these experiences assist in her discussions with staff about how laws and regulations apply to their areas.

Carolyn has a son, Luke, a swim instructor in Raleigh who is studying environmental science at Wake County Technical Community College, and a daughter, Caroline, a public health analyst at RTI International who is living with her family in Chattanooga, Tenn. In her free time, Carolyn likes to spend time with her grandson, sail her boat, and attend cultural events. She also writes two blogs: Tactime (carolynworsley.wordpress.com) focusing on life's transitions and challenges, and Mama Worsley's Recipe Box (mamaworsleysrecipebox.wordpress.com), a "cook and tell" blog.

—Story By Caroline Simpson

Value in the Spotlight

Equity



Caroline Simpson photo

"In just a few short months Carolyn has become an important member of the Town's legal team and is also involved in other Town-wide projects."

—Ralph Karpinos, Town Attorney

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