

OFFICE MANAGER Stephanie L. Perry

Legal Secretary/Paralegal Casey & Devoti

Casey & Devoti, a small, two-attorney trial practice, would not be able to function without someone of Stephanie Perry's caliber. Not only does

she answer phones, organize files, index essential medical records and manage the calendars, she also serves as the voice of the firm. Perry often is the first representative of the firm to interact with opposing counsel, their staff and — most important — the clients. She is particularly adept at juggling secretarial duties and the tasks demanded of a high-level paralegal.

What led you to choose a career in the legal field?

I started working in the legal department of an insurance company while I was obtaining my bachelor's degree in business administration from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. I decided to move to a law firm after I graduated to further my career in the legal field.

What is the best part of your job?

The best part of my job is the opportunity to continuously learn new things, and to see how grateful our clients are after achieving a positive result in their case.

What is the best career advice you've ever received?

Never hesitate to ask questions.

What is your favorite thing to do away from work?

My favorite thing to do when I am not working is to travel with my husband of 15 years, Tony, and my 10-year-old son, Tyler. In the past four years, we have been to 13 states, plus Washington D.C., two U.S. Virgin Islands, and one British Virgin Island.

What is something that would surprise people about you?

I have my conceal-and-carry permit.

Anything else you want people to know?

I am extremely motivated, self-driven and disciplined.

- Nicholas Phillips