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## **South Suburban College to Introduce Becky Walters as New Paralegal Program Coordinator at Virtual Open House**

SOUTH HOLLAND, IL—South Suburban College (SSC) is pleased to announce Becky Walters, J.D., as its new Paralegal Program Coordinator. SSC will introduce Ms. Walters to current and prospective students through an upcoming Virtual Open House on Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m., accessible from [ssc.edu/info](http://ssc.edu/info). Ms. Walters has taught Criminal Law and Street Law as an Adjunct Professor at Prairie State College and has been a guest lecturer at DePaul University. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and her law degree from DePaul University College of Law.

SSC has the only American Bar Association (ABA) approved paralegal program in the Chicago Southland and Northwest Indiana region, arming graduates with a significant advantage entering the workforce. As such, the College requires that all of its instructors be lawyers or judges to ensure the quality of instruction. Prior to joining the SSC team, Walters was a Cook County Assistant State’s Attorney for nearly 12 years.

“I am thrilled to be joining the South Suburban College team, coordinating the only ABA approved Paralegal Program in the area and an esteemed Criminal Justice Program,” said Walters. “Years of working as an Assistant State’s Attorney in Alternative Prosecutions, working closely with law enforcement, and teaching college students will help me to bridge difficult gaps in these very critical times.”

As an ASA assigned to the Alternative Prosecution and Sentencing Unit, Walters led a team of ASAs screening Chicago felony cases for all of the Cook County Treatment Courts and Deferred Prosecution Programs and was also the assigned prosecutor to the Chicago Veteran’s Treatment Court. Last summer she was recognized by the Jesse Brown VA for her presentation on Veteran’s Treatment Court at their annual Mental Health Summit.

Virtual Open House attendees will access the ZOOM link through [ssc.edu/info](http://ssc.edu/info) and be informed about an exciting career pathway with a significant occupational growth outlook. SSC’s Paralegal/Legal Assistant curriculum includes a 60-hour Associate Degree program and a 39-hour Certificate, both designed to prepare students to become highly trained paralegals and legal assistants. Graduates are equipped with the knowledge, skills and credentials to work in a variety of legal environments.

Fall classes at SSC will be offered in flexible online and blended options beginning Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup> and class schedules and registration are available online from [ssc.edu](http://ssc.edu). Future SSC students can get started at [admissions.ssc.edu](http://admissions.ssc.edu).

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