

In Memoriam



Stephanie Feldman Aleong
1972–2008

The legal writing community lost a great teacher, mentor, and friend on October 21, 2008, when Stephanie suddenly passed away during treatment for melanoma she had battled for several years. She was only 36 years old.

Stephanie was one of the “stars” on the Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center faculty and was destined for great things. She had already accomplished so much in her short years at Nova, following her teaching in the legal writing program at Emory Law School. In addition to teaching legal writing, Stephanie served as Director of a masters program in health law, coached several moot court teams, and spoke around the country about her experiences prosecuting cases of pharmaceutical fraud, the latter of which was chronicled in a best-selling book—and all that was done between student conferences and grading papers.

Stephanie had just the right mix of toughness and caring that enabled her to bring out the best in her students. As a former prosecutor, she commanded the classroom and could be “a tough little bird” when she had to. But she was never too busy to offer

kind words, provide encouragement, or give the students whatever else they needed to succeed. She loved her students so much and it showed. And they loved her right back.

Stephanie was such a positive force in the lives of her colleagues and her students—the void that is left can never be filled. It is still difficult to comprehend that she is gone. We miss you Stephanie.

Professor James B. Levy

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