

Biography for Richard Weiner

Richard Weiner teaches in the Paralegal Division of the Justice Studies Department at Kent State University, Kent campus. He is also the staff writer for the Legal News, publishers of legal newspapers in Summit, Portage, and Mahoning Counties.

He is a recipient of a B.A. in Creative Writing from Ohio University, *summa cum laude*, and a J.D. from Ohio Northern University in Ada.

He was an early computer user, purchasing two Osborne Executive computers (monochromatic screen, no hard drive) in 1984, slightly before IBM came out with their first MS/DOS personal computer, when Bill gates was still asking his father for pocket money.

He practiced law actively for 13 years in northeast Ohio, concentrating on Family Law, until leaving the practice to teach and write.

He has always been an advocate of technology in the legal environment, especially in the areas of discovery and security. From 1997- 2000, he worked as Special Assistant to the President, Advanced Litigation Techniques, Inc., a New Orleans and Denver- based startup software company that developed a highly advanced interrelational database that “though like a lawyer” The company, however, was based in the Pick operating system and could not make the adjustment to Windows. The program is still in use here and there.

He has taught virtually every class that is offered on the collegiate level for training paralegals, including Ethics and Civil Procedure, at several local business colleges, as well as at Kent State.

Weiner has published hundreds of articles for local and national publications, including dozens of articles about legal technology, electronic discovery, law office software, etc. he has also published a wide range of business- related articles, and some science fiction and poetry. He is married with four children, two of whom are in college with another on the way there. The family lives in Uniontown, Ohio.