

## From daycare to courtroom



After 21 years working in the field of child care and parent education, an automobile accident in 2005 opened the door of opportunity to pursue a new career for Heather Cassidy. Ms. Cassidy went

back to school as a mature student and graduated from the Westervelt College Paralegal Studies Program with the distinction of Honours.

Cassidy has recently opened a business as a Paralegal licensed under the Law Society of Upper Canada. She chose the legal profession as one that she could operate within the realm of her new disability. An inability to drive, type or write for extended periods of time led her to a career in which she can choose her own workload and one in which she can use her experience of working in client service and problem resolution. The clients may not be in the 0 to 12 years of age spectrum that she is used to dealing with, but Ms. Cassidy jokes that conflicts, inability to communicate and difficulty resolving problems are an issue for any age and any organization.

She is now offering her services to Lambton, Kent and Middlesex residents and businesses.

Some of the services she is offering are review and /or preparation of legal agreements, contracts and documents, debt recovery, Small Claims court matters, representation at tribunals such as Landlord and Tenant; and representation in Provincial Offences matters such as traffic violations.

Ms. Cassidy is recommending that members of the community visit the Law Society of Upper Canada website at [www.lsuc.on.ca](http://www.lsuc.on.ca) to learn more about what services Paralegals can provide and to find a Licensed Paralegal practicing in their area.

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