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When I graduated from college in 1991, I was not financially or emotionally ready for 3 more years of school and took what was originally planned to be the interim step of working as a paralegal for a couple of years and then head to Law School. I completed a post-grad Paralegal Certificate program at Adelphi University and landed my first paralegal position in the Office of the General Counsel at one of the (at the time) Big 5 accounting firms. Then I got married, had kids, reevaluated what I wanted to be when I grew up and what worked with my life. For me, that did not include being an attorney. After ten years as a Paralegal, I got my Masters in teaching socials studies and was a high school history teacher for 3 years. Then I returned to being a paralegal for another 12 years. During my entire paralegal career, I worked in house in the Office of the General Counsel at two national accounting firms and at a private university. I was very fortunate during my time as a paralegal to work for General Counsel who gave me the opportunity to pursue new roles and responsibilities within the organization: Litigation Paralegal, eDiscovery Specialist, Privacy Officer, Legal Operations. Five years ago, I made a career change and am now a Manager in a Law Department Management consulting practice where I assist in house law departments increase operational effectiveness and efficiencies through strategic planning, process improvement and technology solutions.