



Paula Geletei

Atlantic City

Paula Geletei grew up in Sayreville, New Jersey. She is a proud graduate of Pennsylvania State University, having earned a B.S. in Science. As an admirer of Pope John Paul II and his ability to communicate with so many, she developed a strong interest in foreign languages, such as French, Spanish and Italian, which she studied in Florence, Italy. She studied Russian and visited the Soviet Union in the mid-eighties, specifically Moscow, Leningrad and Odessa. She also studied

Japanese. Paula has an A.S. in Chemistry, with the emphasis in Organic Chemistry. While attending Penn State, Paula was a member of the Penn State Marching Blue Band, Vice President of East Halls and a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority. She worked in the pharmacy at Ritenour Health Center on the Penn State Campus, while serving on many philanthropic organizations. She was featured in the half-time show, dancing to "Copacabana" for the televised Penn State-Nebraska football game.

In November 1989, Paula was hired on-the-spot to become part of the team to open Trump Taj Mahal Casino Resort. On Valentine's Day 1990, she relocated to Atlantic City. 1993 was the birth of Poker in Atlantic City. Paula learned the skill of dealing Poker from the best of the West, then became part of the training team, producing training manuals and the basic rule book for the Taj Mahal's Poker Room. As tournaments began in 1996, Paula was an integral part of the production team. She interviewed and photographed the tournament winners and wrote articles on tournament results as a human interest story, which became very popular.

In 2003, Paula was hired by the City of Atlantic City as a Clerk-Typist in the City Clerk's Office, where she quickly familiarized herself with ordinances and development projects. Combining her love of typing with the opportunity to learn, Paula took courses which would lead her to obtain certification as a Registered Municipal Clerk, which she earned in 2008. On October 1, 2016, Paula became City Clerk. She recently earned the designation of Master's Municipal Clerk through education and training through the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, and has become an elite member of the Athenian Society.

On January 1, 2014, Paula served as the city's Inaugural Mistress of Ceremonies, welcoming new Mayor Don Guardian as Mayor and celebrating Atlantic City's diverse community. She welcomed and wished everyone "Happy New Year" in 10 different languages!

Paula has been President of the Municipal Clerks Association of Atlantic County for the past six years, and has been Secretary/Treasurer to the Atlantic County League of Municipalities since 2016 and has served on the Pastoral Council of the Parish of St. Monica until 2023. She also serves as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister at Saint Nicholas of Tolentine Roman Catholic Church in Atlantic City. For several years, Paula volunteered as a Mediator for Family Mediation, and has been a Medical Reserve Corp Volunteer for fifteen years.

Paula was one of the first of the Rutgers's Cohort Team not only to achieve the CPM designation, but to be nominated for the National Askew Award.