

## Outstanding Office Manager—Rhonda Bingel



Image of a smiling woman sitting in a wheelchair with the Verizon logo in the background

- \* Rhonda was born with Spina Bifida and grew up in southwestern Virginia with the strong support of her mother who instilled in her a “Can’t never tried” attitude. Rhonda began working with Verizon in 2003 and her educational pursuits began after starting and with the support of Verizon.
- \* She passed her Paralegal training with an “A” and went on to complete her Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration, her MBA specializing in Project Management, and also an M.S. in Human Resources.
- \* Rhonda started out as an assistant and through her education and hard work, now supervises 15 people spread across the united states except Washington DC, New York and New Jersey and supporting over 100 attorneys. She is also involved in Verizon’s Employee Relations Group, is President of their Disabilities Issues Awareness Leaders (DIAL) group, and volunteers as a mentor to young students with disabilities through USBLN.
- \* In regards to what she has received through working for Verizon, “I came here looking for one thing but what I got was so many other things. So many doors opened up and I am not a person in a wheelchair but an employee that has something to offer.”
- \* (Verizon’s) “demonstration of commitment stems from understanding the power of a diverse workforce. Who we are goes well beyond our gender, race, education, sexual orientation or if we have a disability. I’m responsible for managing Verizon’s legal support in eleven states. It’s a big responsibility. I may have a physical disability, but who I am and what I can do is all about the whole package I bring to Verizon every day.”