

## NFPA membership options include the following:

### Local or statewide associations

– individuals may join a local or state association affiliated with NFPA, thus giving you the increased value of both a national and local association.

For a list of all local NFPA affiliated associations, go to [www.paralegals.org](http://www.paralegals.org).

### Individual/Sustaining membership

– if you prefer, you may join as an individual sustaining member; there's also a sustaining membership for students, and one for corporations and organizations that serve the paralegal profession.

Visit [www.paralegals.org](http://www.paralegals.org) for more information about sustaining membership categories and opportunities.

*“I joined my local association because I was an older student reentering the work force and needed to network and learn from experienced paralegals working in the field.*

*I believe giving to my organization has made me a better paralegal. I have learned public speaking and writing on a level I could have never achieved by simply going to work every day. Networking with colleagues at meetings keeps me aware of what others are also going through, changes in the profession, and goals to work towards. Plus, I have met some very wonderful, ethical, knowledgeable people I'm proud to be around!”*

~ **Sue Merewitz**  
South Jersey Paralegal Association

*“As a member of the NFPA I have a voice in national developments affecting the paralegal profession. And I also especially appreciate the NFPA's commitment to the improvement of access to legal services through expanded paralegal responsibilities and regulation. The NFPA has taken the lead nationally with regard to this very important issue.”*

~ **R. Elton Johnson, III, RP**  
Hawaii Paralegal Association



## We encourage members to get involved at all levels.

To join NFPA, or to learn more about the opportunities available to you as a member of the National Federation of Paralegal Associations, visit, [www.paralegals.org](http://www.paralegals.org), contact your nearest local association, or contact NFPA at 425.967.0045, or [info@paralegals.org](mailto:info@paralegals.org). We look forward to welcoming you into your professional organization.

**NFPA** – *The Leader of the Paralegal Profession™*

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## WHO'S LOOKING OUT FOR YOUR CAREER AS A PARALEGAL?



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# WHO'S MINDING YOUR CAREER?

*You are, we hope.* But we know you're also responsible for innumerable deadlines; responding to attorneys and clients, family, friends; and myriad other activities that claim your time and attention.

That's why the National Federation of Paralegal Associations is committed not only to being the leader of the paralegal profession, but also to partnering with you to be the leader of *your* profession.

You need to stay on top of legislation, case law, ethics, and court and bar association opinions affecting the paralegal profession. NFPA offers education, resources, and publications to keep you at the forefront of knowledge, and the cutting edge of your profession.

- *The National Paralegal Reporter* is NFPA's bimonthly magazine—offering timely articles to help you understand the latest information affecting the legal profession—new laws, practices, resources, and technologies. You'll find tips from other successful paralegals describing how they do their jobs and advance their careers ... and how you can, too.
- NFPA educational opportunities are available to you through its annual convention, technology conference, local and regional meetings, and other national conferences in a variety of high-interest topic areas (regulation,

leadership, pro bono, and PACE Ambassadors). NFPA is your ticket to the next step in your career.

- NFPA's Paralegal Advanced Competency Exam (PACE) allows you to build and then demonstrate your competency, and earn the respected RP (Registered Paralegal) designation. Many employers look for the RP designation when they hire.
- In addition to publications, meetings and conferences, abundant resources are available to you through the NFPA website, [www.paralegals.org](http://www.paralegals.org), where you'll find the NFPA Career Center, information about upcoming events and continuing legal education opportunities, position statements and reference materials about a variety of issues that affect your career, association newsletters from around the country, and NFPA governing documents.
- And, one of the best resources you'll encounter is the network of friends and colleagues you'll build locally and nationally through NFPA. The value of being part of a vibrant community of practice is incalculable.
- There are a variety of other valuable benefits available to NFPA members, including rental car discounts, notary public discounts, a credit union, and more. For a complete list, visit, [www.paralegals.org](http://www.paralegals.org).

## NFPA is a national association composed of local and statewide paralegal associations, as well as individual and organizational members.

The first national paralegal association, we are committed to:

- Promoting the paralegal profession and the expanded use of paralegals to deliver essential legal services, and to increase public access to legal services;
- Representing your interests by educating attorneys, judges, and the courts on the vital role played by paralegals in the delivery of quality legal services;
- Monitoring legislation and court rulings that may affect the paralegal profession;
- Researching, analyzing, and weighing in on issues that affect the paralegal profession—such as exempt v. non-exempt employment status, regulation, recoverability of fees, pro bono considerations, and more;
- Actively working to promote fee recoverability for paralegal services, and to promulgate the factors that determine fees: paralegal qualifications, record-keeping, and the work performed (visit [www.paralegals.org](http://www.paralegals.org) for more information about fee recoverability);

- Encouraging pro bono services by paralegals to enhance public access to justice, and providing paralegals with opportunities to use their professional skills to serve their communities (you'll find more information about pro bono considerations at our website);
- Advancing the educational standards of the paralegal profession;



- A strong national presence – NFPA maintains connections with the American Bar Association, American Association for Paralegal Education, International Paralegal Management Association, and other groups whose activities affect your livelihood.

**We're committed to your professional development and success.**