

# STELLAR

## Celebrate The Stars

### Call for Nominations

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## Nominations

### Award Categories

Join other paralegals in a celebration of excellence in our profession. At the Annual Convention and Policy Meeting, we will be recognizing the outstanding achievements of individuals and associations that have made a significant contribution to the paralegal profession. Scholarships to be used to pursue a paralegal education will also be awarded.

Following are the award categories/scholarships: William R. Robie Leadership Award, Association Pro Bono Award, Individual Pro Bono Award, NFPA Outstanding Leader Award, NFPA Paralegal of the Year Award, Certification Ambassador Award, PACE Scholarship and NFPA/Thomson Reuters Scholarships. We encourage you to nominate a person whom you have encountered through NFPA.

#### Association Pro Bono Award

This award recognizes a NFPA member association that has exhibited outstanding dedication and service in the area of *pro bono* services. Anyone can nominate a NFPA member association for this award.

#### Outstanding Local Leader Award

This award recognizes an individual NFPA member for outstanding local leadership contributions to their local association. Only a NFPA member association can nominate candidates for this award.

#### Individual Pro Bono Award

This award recognizes an individual practicing paralegal who has exhibited extraordinary dedication to the delivery of quality legal services to a portion of the population that cannot afford to pay for legal services. Anyone can nominate a candidate for this award. The candidate need not be a member of NFPA or a NFPA member association.

#### Paralegal of the Year Award

This award recognizes an individual NFPA member whose on-the-job achievements have contributed to expansion of the paralegal profession, including contributions to his or her employer and colleagues and the paralegal profession in general. Candidates for this award must be members of a NFPA member association or individual sustaining members of NFPA.



### William R. Robie Leadership Award

This award recognizes a NFPA member in honor of the Honorable William R. Robie and his dedication to the paralegal profession, the expansion of the delivery of legal services and equal access to justice for all Americans. Each member association can nominate a candidate for the award.

### Certification Ambassador Award

This award recognizes outstanding achievement in promoting the PACE and PCCE programs. Any NFPA member association can nominate its Certification Ambassador and association for the award.

**Judging criteria and nominations procedures are available at [www.paralegals.org](http://www.paralegals.org)**

**Deadline July 1, 2013**

### PACE Scholarship

This scholarship is dependent upon the commitment of a sponsor. The scholarship is to be used solely and exclusively for the purpose of taking PACE and to purchase study materials in connection with the preparation to take PACE.

### NFPA/Thomson Reuters Scholarships

These scholarships are awarded to paralegal students and must be used to pursue a paralegal education.

*These awards and scholarships are NFPA's highest honors, and the judges take their responsibility seriously. The award and scholarship winners will be selected using the criteria found at [www.paralegals.org](http://www.paralegals.org).*

**We are proud to pay tribute to NFPA's award and scholarship winners for the last five years.**

#### William R. Robie Leadership Award

2012	Edna Wallace, RP
2011	Michele Boerder, CLA
2010	Diane Thompson, CP, RP
2009	S. Kristine Farmer, RP
2008	Beth King, RP

#### PACE Ambassador Award

2012	Vivian Luckiewicz, RP
2011	Michael Wallace, RP
2010	Natalie Nelson Sander, RP
2009	Michael P. Wallace, RP
2008	K. Paezle' Harris, RP, CLA

#### Individual Pro Bono Award

2012	Kristin Mattes
2011	RoxAnn Mack
2010	Teresa Scharf
2009	Beth Wilkins
2008	Joanne Randa

#### Association Pro Bono Award

2011	Cleveland Association of Paralegals
2010	Oregon Paralegal Association
2009	Philadelphia Association of Paralegals

#### NFPA Paralegal of the Year

2012	Kimberly Major
2011	Mariela Evora Cawthon
2010	Michele M. Davis, CP
2009	Debra Hindin-King
2008	Cynthia Quinn

#### NFPA Outstanding Local Leader Award

2012	Mianne Besser
2011	Colette Lemke
2010	Wayne D. Akin
2009	Patricia Gagnon, RP
2008	Renee Mazzeo

#### NFPA/Thomson Reuters Scholarships

(Applicants need not be members of NFPA)

2012	Anne Caitlin Griffin and Melissa Jurik
2011	Mary Hanson, CRP and Austin Prendergast
2010	Melissa Solomon and Jessica Geraldo
2009	Susan Heather Witte and Jamie Kurtis
2008	Kathleen Noland and Laverne Scott

#### PACE Scholarship

2010	Sharie T. Walerstein
2009	Kelley D. Chaney, RP
2008	Georgette Neal, RP