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OREGON PARALEGAL NAMED OUTSTANDING LOCAL LEADER BY THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF PARALEGAL ASSOCIATIONS (NFPA)

Edmonds, WA – January 2011 - The National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. (NFPA) selected Wayne D. Akin as the recipient of the organization's 2010 Outstanding Local Leader Award. The award was presented at NFPA's Annual Convention in Cherry Hill, New Jersey on October 9, 2010.

The Outstanding Local Leader Award is given to an individual who has promoted interest and participation in the activities of his/her local association and has been recognized by the legal community as a professional dedicated to the advancement of the legal profession.

Wayne D. Akin is a litigation paralegal with Miller Nash, LLP in Portland, Oregon and a member of the Oregon Paralegal Association (OPA). He has been a paralegal for eleven years and has worked in the legal field for 23 years. Mr. Akin has served as chairperson of OPA's Intellectual Property Specialty Group, as a member of OPA's Board of Directors for two years, OPA's Treasurer for two years, and has served as OPA's Vice President and President. He was the recipient of OPA's Outstanding New Member Award for 2000-2001. A frequent writer and lecturer, his articles have appeared in OPA's Program newsletter and NFPA's *National Paralegal Reporter* and he has been a speaker for programs presented by Institute for Paralegal Education (IPE), Lorman Education Services, The National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc., Pioneer Pacific College, and Evergreen College (formerly Western Business College).

NFPA is a non-profit professional organization representing more than 10,000 paralegals and is headquartered in Edmonds, WA. NFPA's core purpose is the advancement of the paralegal profession. NFPA promotes a global presence for the paralegal profession and leadership in the legal community.

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