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The National Federation of Paralegal Associations Honors Paralegal Association of Central Ohio

Indianapolis, IN, October 2019 - The National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. (NFPA®) announces the Paralegal Association of Central Ohio (PACO) received the Pro Bono Association Award on October 12 at the 2019 NFPA Annual Convention in Rochester, New York.

PACO's Pro Bono Committee executes its *pro bono* services through Brief-Advice Legal Clinics and its flagship program, the *Pro Bono* Wills Clinic in the greater Columbus / Central Ohio area. This year, PACO celebrates its tenth year of the Wills Clinic program. To date, the Committee has conducted 138 events and served over 1,200 senior citizens. Brief-Advice Clinics are conducted at 14 different locations across the city each month, and the Willis Clinics are offered twice a month at various low-income senior citizen retirement communities from January through October.

PACO works in collaboration with the Legal Aid Society of Columbus, whose overall mission is to help provide legal services to low-income individuals across the Central Ohio area and facilitate opportunities for paralegals to assist attorneys in delivering those services.

The NFPA Model Code of Ethics and Professional Responsibility Guidelines provide that each paralegal should aspire to contribute 24 hours of community service, in addition to 24 hours pro bono service annually. The Association Pro Bono Award recognizes an NFPA member association that has exhibited outstanding dedication and service in the area of pro bono services.

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