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The National Federation of Paralegal Associations Announces NFPA 2019 Individual Pro Bono Award Winner

Indianapolis, IN, October 2019 - The National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. (NFPA®) is pleased to announce that Teresa Scharf has been awarded the Individual Pro Bono Award on October 12 at the 2019 Annual Convention in Rochester, New York.

Teresa has led the Paralegal Association of Central Ohio Pro Bono Committee since 2009. During her leadership, this Committee has served thousands of low-income individuals throughout Central Ohio. Teresa spearheads PACO's flagship program, the Pro Bono Wills Clinic, while also being involved with the Brief-Advice Legal Clinics.

Teresa's passion and leadership with the Wills Clinic program has garnered tremendous success and is always in demand. Through the positive impact of this effort and the attention it has brought to serving low-income senior citizens throughout Central Ohio, several vendors and law firms have supported the Wills Clinic program in tangible ways. The Legal Aid Society of Columbus has featured Teresa on its web site: <https://www.columbuslegalaid.org/portfolio/teresa-scharf/>.

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. NFPA's Pro Bono Award recognizes an individual practicing paralegal who had exhibited extraordinary dedication to the delivery of quality legal services to a portion of the population that cannot afford to pay for legal services.

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