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## **The National Federation of Paralegal Association Awards Justice Champion Award to Bonnie Brooks**

Indianapolis, IN, October 2019 - The National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. (NFPA®) awarded the Justice Champion award to Bonnie Brooks, RP®, CEDS. The award was presented at NFPA's Annual Convention in Rochester, New York on October 12, 2019.

Bonnie has been with Woods Oviatt Gilman in Rochester, NY for 19 years and is a paralegal in the firm's litigation department. She is also adjunct faculty with Monroe Community College as part of their ABA—approved Paralegal Studies Program teaching future paralegals in the areas of legal research and writing and personal injury law. Bonnie has volunteered in several programs through the Volunteer Legal Services Project, including its family law custody clinic, landlord/tenant court, divorce clinic and Willow Domestic Violence Center (formerly Alternatives for Battered Women). She also volunteers at the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court Help Center as part of the court's "Access to Justice" initiative assisting unrepresented individuals with procedural and court information necessary for them to navigate the court system. Bonnie is also the coordinator for her firm's Meals on Wheels program where she volunteers and coordinates volunteers to provide meals to home-bound elderly and/or disabled community members. She has also been part of her law firm's United Way Day of Caring team for over 15 years assisting at various non-profits and has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity in building homes for low income residents in underprivileged neighborhoods.

The Justice Champion Award recognizes a practicing paralegal whose conduct, actions and activities demonstrate extraordinary dedication to diversity and inclusion as defined in NFPA's Position Statement on Diversity, Inclusion and Equity.

The Justice Champion Award is given in honor of the late Heather Danielle Heyer, a paralegal who exemplified dedication to the expansion of civil rights, social justice and the expectation that all peoples be treated with dignity and respect. Ms. Heyer was killed while peacefully protesting at a rally in Charlottesville on August 12, 2017.



NFPA is a non-profit professional organization representing more than 8,000 paralegals and is headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana. 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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