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Illinois Paralegal Elected Vice President and Director of Membership for the National Federation of Paralegal Associations



Indianapolis, IN, October 2019 - The National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. (NFPA®) is pleased to announce that Tom Stephenson, of Chicago, Illinois, has been elected to the position of Vice President & Director of Membership for the 2019-2021 term. The elections were held at NFPA's Annual Convention in Rochester, New York on October 12, 2019.

Tom Stephenson works as a paralegal at Keller Lenkner LLC, with over a decade of experience in the areas of complex commercial and business litigation, corporate governance and reorganization, class action, and labor and employment. He assists attorneys through all phases of litigation, from inception through discovery and trial, on cases involving local and national companies in mass tort, complex contract disputes, financial restructuring negotiations, preference and fraudulent conveyance proceedings, and related litigation at the state, federal, and appellate levels.

Mr. Stephenson is an accredited paralegal and received his paralegal degree from Minnesota State Community and Technical College. In 2015, he received his Master of Arts in Legal Studies from the University of Illinois at Springfield where he served as Graduate Student Representative.

Before being elected to the NFPA Board of Directors, Tom served in a variety of positions for the Illinois Paralegal Association (IPA), including on the Board of Directors, Secretary, NFPA Primary Representative, Information Technology Chair, Social Media Chair, and Diversity, Inclusion & Equity Chair. In 2016, he was awarded IPA's Outstanding Member of the Year award.

"I want to be able to transform the paralegal membership and community for the better by creating settings where people can meet, converse, share activities, bounce ideas around and participate. I am devoted to promoting collaborative initiatives focused on attracting, retaining, and engaging local associations, individual members, and non-members so NFPA's success follows. It is my hope to bring this fresh enthusiasm to a unique constellation of legal professionals. To remain robust and ensure maximum membership growth, we must actively encourage development within NFPA, our member associations and leadership that mirrors the demographic composition of



paralegals. True transformation is about fostering member engagement and establishing opportunities extended to all participants.”

The Vice President and Director of Membership is responsible for guiding NFPA in attracting and retaining members.

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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