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Dear Registrants and Guests:

The NFPA and the Rocky Mountain Paralegal Association look forward to welcoming you and your guests to the Mile High City of Denver, Colorado this coming April for the 2019 Joint Conference.

As you prepare to join us for a weekend of regulation, certification, and leadership training as well as a unique networking opportunity with our members and our state's federal and state level judiciary, we would like to address a very important matter involving recreational marijuana and cannabis use during the Joint Conferences.

While recreational use of marijuana or cannabis products is permitted for private use in the state of Colorado, it is the standing of both the NFPA and the Rocky Mountain Paralegal Association that there shall be no consumption, distribution, or possession of such products during the NFPA and RMPA events that are hosted over the weekend, including the Region II Meeting on Thursday. This permits our members and attendees who are subject to strict prohibition of the usage or being near the usage of such products, such as Colorado State Employees, Colorado Court Members, Federal Employees, Federal Court Members, and members (both military and civilian) of the United States Armed Forces. Consumption and/or distribution of such products at events will be forbidden and violators will be asked to immediately leave events and no refund will be granted.

For those who wish to purchase and consume marijuana and/or cannabis products during their time away from the conferences, Amendment 64 of the Colorado Constitution limits you to an ounce of retail marijuana at any given time. Further, the Denver Revised Municipal Code imposes the following:

- Possession, distribution, or display of products is forbidden in open public, in public view, and on City & County of Denver property (including the Denver International Airport)
- Consumption is prohibited in open public or in public view, including in city parks, on streets, sidewalks, and even open smoking areas. This includes hotel balconies.

Violations of these laws could result in your expulsion from the conference as well as possible prosecution by the City & County of Denver and/or the State of Colorado.

Note that the City & County of Denver has numerous federal buildings and properties within it. Possession or consumption in these areas is forbidden and subject to prosecution at the federal level. Similarly, violations will result in expulsion from the conference events.

Both the NFPA and the Rocky Mountain Paralegal Association also cautions those who are traveling to Colorado for the conferences that it is illegal to transport marijuana products from our state, regardless if by air, road, or rail. Colorado is extremely strict with these regulations and it is ill-advised that anyone attempt to travel back home with any marijuana and/or cannabis products.

It is unknown as to the policies of the various hotels regarding consumption in rooms, however note, Denver is a smoke free city where most, if not all, hotels and private properties prohibit consumption. You are advised to contact the hotel or property owner for further details.

We appreciate your understanding on this matter and hope that you will still enjoy your time with us in Denver.

Sincerely,



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