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The National Federation of Paralegal Associations awards inaugural Justice Champion Award to Sonjanita Jordan



Indianapolis, IN – January 2019 - The National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. (NFPA®) awarded the inaugural Justice Champion award to Sonjanita Jordan on October 27 at the 2018 Annual Convention in Seattle, WA.

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.

Ms. Jordan is a member of NFPA's Diversity and Inclusion Committee, has served on the Board of the New Orleans Paralegal Association and on the host committee for the 2017 NFPA convention. She has volunteered in the "Know Your Rights" Expungement Clinic, as well as other expungement clinics, is the past chair for The National Congress of Black Women and serves on the Paralegal Advisory Boards at Herzing and Tulane Universities. She also served as a vice president of Dove Outreach, Inc., and as secretary for Concerned Citizens 4 St. Tammany Parish. She has an extensive history of pro bono service.

Ms. Jordan has been employed in the legal profession for 23 years, 14 of those as a paralegal. She owns LA Paralegals, LLC, a freelance paralegal firm. She is known for the welcoming and helpful hand she extends to everyone she encounters, providing encouragement, coaching, job referrals and career advice. When asked what her definition of inclusion is, Jordan responded "that 'diversity' is being invited to the dance, and 'inclusion' is being asked to dance." We are grateful that Jordan invites others to the dance, and then dances with all of us."

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