



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **The National Federation of Paralegal Associations presents Outstanding Local Leader Award**



Indianapolis, IN – January 2019 - The National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. (NFPA<sup>®</sup>) presented the Outstanding Local Leader award to Wendy Otto on October 27 at the 2018 Annual Convention in Seattle, WA. The Outstanding Local Leader Award recognizes an individual NFPA member for outstanding local leadership contributions to his or her local association.

This year's recipient, Wendy Otto, has been a paralegal for 15 years, the last 12 of which have been with the Office of the Tribal Attorney (OTA) for the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community. Otto is an active passionate member of the Washington State Paralegal Association and the NFPA.

Otto's excellence in trial management, legal discovery and office management has allowed her to effectively mentor, and train multiple paralegals in her office. She is the first OTA Staff member that newly hired paralegals interact with and helps to build the foundation for her colleagues to rely on throughout their careers. She promotes continuing education, advancement and voluntary certification among her peers. Additionally, Otto has a personal interest in encouraging and mentoring youth towards a career in the legal field by encouraging internships.

Otto's on-the-job achievements have significantly contributed to the expansion of the paralegal profession in our community. She is well-known for her willingness to help in any situation, whether specific to our department or not. She takes the phrase "other duties as assigned" to heart, and consistently volunteers her time and effort to various committees and initiatives. Many individuals and staff members are first exposed to the paralegal profession through their interactions with Otto, and are greatly impressed with the efficacy of services she is able to provide.

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.

*NFPA – The Leader of the Paralegal Profession<sup>®</sup>*  
[www.paralegals.org](http://www.paralegals.org)

###

**CONTACT**

Amanda Bureau, CAE, CVA

Executive Director

[executivedirector@paralegals.org](mailto:executivedirector@paralegals.org)

NFPA, NFPA – *The Leader of the Paralegal Profession*, PACE and RP are registered trademarks of the National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc.