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**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF PARALEGAL ASSOCIATIONS
(NFPA®) ANNOUNCES COLORADO PARALEGAL, MIANNE L.
BESSER, ELECTED DIRECTOR, REGION II**

Oakbrook Terrace, IL - The National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. (NFPA) is pleased to announce that Mianne L. Besser, of Brighton, Colorado, has been elected to the position of Director, Region II for the 2016-2017 term.

Mianne L. Besser works at Otten Johnson Robinson Neff + Ragonetti PC, with the firm's litigation group as they represent business and real estate clients in litigation, bankruptcy and land use matters. The group's practice covers a broad spectrum of commercial litigation, and Mianne contributes her 19 years of experience as a litigation paralegal.

Ms. Besser received her B.A. in management and business administration from the University of Phoenix. In 1996, she received her paralegal certificate from the Denver Paralegal Institute, an ABA-approved program.

Ms. Besser has been a CLE speaker for the National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. (NFPA) and the Rocky Mountain Paralegal Association (RMPA). Mianne is a Faculty Member of the Institute for Paralegal Education (IPE). She has been interviewed for her perspective on the paralegal profession by LawCrossing.com, Paralegal411.com, CareersandLiberty.com, Andrew Morkes, Laurel Vietzen, TheParalegalMentor.com and PracticalParalegalism. She has authored and co-authored articles which were printed in the *National Paralegal Reporter* and *Trial Talk* (Colorado Trial Lawyers Association); during her tenure as NFPA Special Projects Coordinator, she wrote two white papers, "Legal Process Outsourcing" and "Ethical Considerations for Paralegals and Social Media".

Ms. Besser's professional and community involvement includes recognition from the NFPA as its 2012 Outstanding Local Leader and in 2011 was named by ParalegalGateway as one of its Paralegal Superstars. She has been a strong advocate for paralegal education serving as an adjunct instructor at Kaplan College and Community College of Aurora, as well as serving on the Paralegal Advisory Committees for the Community College of Aurora, Kaplan College and Westwood College.

Before being elected to the NFPA Board of Directors, Mianne served in a variety of positions for the Rocky Mountain Paralegal Association, including two non-consecutive

terms as president, NFPA Primary Representative and NFPA Secondary Representative. She is also a member of the Colorado Association of Litigation Support Professionals, past member of the Colorado Bar Association Paralegal Committee, and past member of the Colorado Trial Lawyers Association serving as Legal Staff Committee Chair.

"I am deeply moved by the expression of confidence expressed by the Delegates and Members of Region II who re-elected me to serve as the Region II Director. I appreciate the Delegates sharing their concerns and suggestions for ways to keep NFPA "The Leader of the Paralegal Profession®". I look forward to Delegates and Members providing additional ideas and feedback on ways to maintain NFPA as a vibrant, member-driven Association. Region II Members and Delegates have entrusted me to be a thoughtful and optimistic advocate on their behalf to ensure that NFPA continues to remain relevant and has a significant presence in conversations regarding the future of the paralegal profession. During the year ahead, I will focus my efforts on assisting Region II affiliates raise awareness of the paralegal profession, grow membership, cultivate inter-NFPA collaborations, and remain a strong presence within their legal communities."

The Region Directors are responsible for the "humanization of NFPA" to local associations, and are the main liaison between member associations and other Board members.

NFPA is a non-profit professional organization representing nearly 8,000 paralegals and is headquartered in Edmonds, WA. 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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