Upcoming Events
March 26-27, 2010
NFPA Tech Institute™
Doubletree San Jose, CA

May 15-16, 2010
Pro Bono Conference
Phoenix, AZ

October 7-10, 2010
NFPA® Annual Convention
Hosted by the Philadelphia Paralegal Assoc.
Crowne Plaza Hotel Philadelphia-Cherry Hill
Cherry Hill, NJ

NFPA Tech Institute™
Martin Dean, President of Essential Publisher, Inc. will deliver the keynote address at the 2010 NFPA Tech Institute™. As the President of Essential Publishers, Inc., Mr. Dean develops software for California attorneys, including Essential Forms™ and Essential Courts Premium™. He is the author of two Rutter Group Deskbooks and teaches litigation management as an adjunct professor of law at the University of San Francisco School of Law.

Tactical Strategies (updates & inquiries on the Strategic Plan)
Simply put, strategic planning determines where an organization is going over the next 1, 5, 10 years, how it's going to get there and how the organization will know if it got there or not. The focus of a strategic plan is usually on the entire organization. There are a variety of perspectives, models and approaches used in strategic planning. The way that a strategic plan is developed depends on the nature of the organization's leadership, culture of the organization, complexity of the organization's environment, size of the organization, expertise of planners, etc. The Strategic Planning Committee has prepared a PowerPoint presentation and a sample strategic plan that our local associations can use as a guide. They will be posted on the website in the near future. Our hope is that these tools will give your own association a starting point and that you will reap the rewards of planning for the future health of your own association.

Legislation
Oregon House of Delegates voted "no" on the resolution for Paralegal Representation in FED cases. The resolution was submitted by Danny Long, an attorney member of the the Oregon State Bar's House of Delegates. Mr. Long asked the Bar to sponsor a legislative amendment to allow paralegals working under the supervision of an attorney to appear at mediations and court appearances (trial settings) for residential landlord-tenant evictions (FED) cases.

Do you have information about proposed legislation which affects the paralegal profession? If so, please contact your local paralegal association and send an e-mail to VPPI@paralegals.org

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