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The National Federation of Paralegal Associations Presents 2020 Paralegal of the Year Award

Minneapolis, MN, November 2020 – The National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. (NFPA®) presented the Paralegal of the Year award to MaryAnn Ivie, RP® at its Annual Convention on October 24, 2020.

Ivie has been a paralegal for 36 years, currently employed as a Senior Paralegal for Schwabe Williamson Wyatt in their Litigation group. She is recognized by her firm's attorneys as an invaluable trial team member delivering outstanding legal services to the firm's clients. She has played an important role in keeping her firm current in legal industry technology. Ivie has also testified as an expert regarding recovering legal fees for paralegal work performed, outlining the reasonableness of the fees and explaining what a paralegal is and the distinction of tasks performed by paralegals.

In addition to her on the job work, Ivie has actively contributed to the expansion of the paralegal profession. She has served in many leadership positions with the Oregon Paralegal Association (OPA) and NFPA. Ivie has served as OPA Treasurer for many years. She has served as the Publisher of OPA's bi-monthly publication, the *Paragram*. Since 2013, Ivie is also the author of the bi-monthly column *Rules Watch*. Ivie has served on many committees, including OPA's 2021 NFPA Convention Committee, OPA's Annual Convention Committee and Pro Bono Committee. At the national level, Ivie has served as an NFPA delegate representing OPA at its annual meeting and events. She has also served as NFPA's treasurer from 2015 – 2017.

Beyond her commitment to the legal profession, Ivie, for over 15 years, has been an American Red Cross blood drive volunteer and lifelong blood donor. She has also served as Treasurer at her children's school and co-chaired several silent auction fundraisers for her church. Additionally, she has worked on various charity events for CASA, OPA's fundraiser for the Campaign for Equal Justice and volunteers at Wills for Heroes Clinics.

Throughout her career, Ivie has demonstrated her excellence in trial case management and legal discovery. She has shared her experience through numerous presentations on discovery practice, case management and other areas in civil litigation for various



colleges and institutions, including OPA, continuing legal education providers and her firm.

Sponsored by Paradigm Reporting & Captioning, this award recognizes an individual NFPA member whose on-the-job achievements have contributed to expansion of the paralegal profession, including contributions to his or her employer, colleagues and the paralegal profession in general.

NFPA is a non-profit professional organization representing more than 8,000 paralegals and is headquartered in Minneapolis, MN. 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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