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NATIONAL FEDERATION OF PARALEGAL ASSOCIATIONS (NFPA®) ELECTS PRESIDENT, LISA VESSELS

Edmonds, WA – November 2014 - The National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. (“NFPA”) is pleased to announce that Lisa Vessels, RP®, CP®, FRP of Miami, Florida has been elected the Federation’s President. She will serve a two year term ending in 2016.

Lisa Vessels, RP®, CP®, FRP lives in Miami, Florida, and is employed by Duane Morris LLP managing the rules-based docketing software used by her firm's U.S. offices. Lisa has worked in the paralegal profession since 1992 with experience in commercial litigation, as well as corporate contract law specializing in commercial aviation equipment leasing and sales.

Lisa is a former two-term President of the South Florida Paralegal Association and the Florida Alliance of Paralegal Associations. As an active member in both organizations, she has served in many additional roles such as Webmaster, Treasurer, Secretary, and Membership Chair since joining in 2005.

She served as NFPA’s Regulation Review Coordinator from November 2009 until September 2012, and was an active participant on the PCC Exam Development Committee from its inception in 2008 through its launch in 2011. Lisa served on Miami-Dade College's Paralegal Studies Program Advisory Board from 2006 to 2012, serving as chairperson from 2010. She is currently serving her third three year term as a non-lawyer member of The Florida Bar's Unlicensed Practice of Law Committee for the 11th Circuit in Miami-Dade County. She was an adjunct instructor at Florida International University's Paralegal Studies certificate program from 2006 to 2008. Lisa also volunteers for the Girl Scout Council of Tropical Florida as a trainer for adult volunteers.

Lisa earned her Bachelor's degree in Paralegal Studies from Nova Southeastern University in 2005, and Associate's degrees in Computer Information Systems and Computer Programming (Visual Basic) from Miami Dade College in 2002. Lisa earned the Certified Paralegal® designation in September 2005, qualified as a Florida

Registered Paralegal of The Florida Bar in June 2008, and earned the PACE®
Registered Paralegal designation in September 2012.

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