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TEXAS PARALEGAL ELECTED AS VICE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR OF MARKETING OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF PARALEGAL ASSOCIATIONS (NFPA®)

Edmonds, WA – November 2011 - The National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. (NFPA) is pleased to announce that Melissa Marquez Leslie of Richardson, TX was elected as Vice President and Director of Marketing for 2011- 2013.

Ms. Leslie has been a family law paralegal for over 17 years. She is currently a paralegal at the North Texas firm of KoonsFuller, P.C.

As a member of the Dallas Area Paralegal Association (DAPA), Ms. Leslie has held the offices of President, President-Elect, Professional Development Director, NFPA Primary, Board Advisor, NFPA Secondary and Vendor Advisor. She has chaired many events for DAPA including the 2009-2011 full day CLE seminars, Diversity University and is a member of many event planning committees. Ms. Leslie was named DAPA's Volunteer of the Year in 2007. She also served as the NFPA Corporate Partners Coordinator from November 2009 – October 2011. Besides her involvement in DAPA and NFPA, she has been involved in the Texas Alliance of Paralegal Associations, the Paralegal Division of the State Bar of Texas, and has served on numerous advisory boards. Ms. Leslie received her Paralegal Certificate (with Honors) from Southeastern Paralegal Institute in 1994 and received her B.S. in Political Science from Sam Houston State University in 1993.

Ms. Leslie and her husband, Carey, are volunteer puppyraisers for Southeastern Guidedogs, Inc., www.guidedogs.org.

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