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TEXAS PARALEGAL NAMED PARALEGAL OF THE YEAR BY THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF PARALEGAL ASSOCIATIONS (NFPA)

Edmonds, WA – November 2011 - The National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. (NFPA) selected Mariela Evora Cawthon as the recipient of the organization's 2011 Paralegal of the Year Award. The award was presented at NFPA's Annual Convention on October 14, 2011 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The Paralegal of the Year Award is given to an individual whose on-the-job-achievements have contributed to the expansion of the paralegal profession, including contributions to her employer and colleagues and the paralegal profession in general.

Mariela Evora Cawthon has been a very involved member of the Dallas Area Paralegal Association (DAPA) since 1997. Ms. Cawthon obtained her Bachelor's Degree in 1993 from Baylor University. Ms. Cawthon attended one year of law school before deciding to become a paralegal and has worked at her current firm since 2001 where she handles complex commercial litigation cases.

Ms. Cawthon has served as DAPA's Chair of the Pro Bono Committee/Community Service Committee, Mentor/Protégé Committee and CLE Audit Committee. Ms. Cawthon was awarded DAPA's Pro Bono Award in 2005, the President's Award in 2006 and is DAPA's 2010 Paralegal of the Year.

NFPA is a non-profit professional organization representing more than 10,000 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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