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DALLAS PARALEGAL CHOSEN FOR 2011 WILLIAM R. ROBIE AWARD BY THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF PARALEGAL ASSOCIATIONS (NFPA®)

The National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. (NFPA) selected Michele Boerder, CP, TBLS, as the recipient of the organization's 2011 William R. Robie Award. The award was presented at NFPA's Annual Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota on October 14, 2011.

NFPA established the award in 1993 to honor the memory of the late Chief Immigration Judge William R. Robie for his dedication to the expansion of legal services and equal access to justice for all Americans and his commitment to the paralegal profession. The winner of the annual award must have made a lasting legacy through his or her contributions to the community and the paralegal profession.

Michele Boerder has been a member of the Dallas Area Paralegal Association ("DAPA") since 1983 and has worked in the legal field for 31 years. During her career, Michele never stopped learning, volunteering and sharing her leadership skills. 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 and is a sought after speaker throughout the State of Texas. Michele graduated from the Paralegal Assistant Program at El Centro College in Dallas, Texas with an Associate's Degree in 1979. Later, she earned her Bachelor's Degree, *magna cum laude* from the University of North Texas as well as receiving an "Outstanding Student" award. In 2010, Michele earned a Master of Science Degree in Applied Technology Training and Development from the University of Texas.

In 2006, DAPA created a new award titled "The Michele Boerder Lifetime Achievement Award." The award is modeled after NFPA's William R. Robie Award as well as the significant contributions made by the award's namesake, Michele Boerder. Michele was the first recipient of the award named in her honor.

Michele and her husband, Scott Boerder, have been married for 33 years and they have a son, Ryan who is 21 years old.

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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