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PENNSYLVANIA PARALEGAL ELECTED AS VICE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP 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 Jessica Swedenhjelm, RP® Pa.CP of Harrisburg, PA was elected as Vice President and Director of Membership for 2011- 2013.

Jessica Swedenhjelm has been employed as a paralegal for seven years with a concentration in asbestos litigation, personal injury and medical malpractice. She has also assisted with toxic tort and construction litigation as well as workers compensation. She is currently employed as a litigation paralegal to the Senior Partner at the law firm of Shollenberger and Januzzi, LLP, where she focuses on plaintiff's personal injury and medical malpractice.

Ms. Swedenhjelm received an Associate Degree in Applied Science/Paralegal Studies from Kaplan College. She obtained a Bachelor Degree in Political Science and Sociology/Criminal Justice from Duquesne University and a Master's Degree in Legal Studies from California University of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Swedenhjelm successfully passed NFPA's PACE® exam and earned the designation PACE Registered Paralegal (RP) in 2009. She is also a Pennsylvania Certified Paralegal (Pa.C.P.), a designation received through the Keystone Alliance of Paralegals, of which she is an active member.

Ms. Swedenhjelm has been involved in various paralegal associations. She was a member of the Board of Directors for the Pittsburgh Paralegal Association. Upon moving to Central Pennsylvania, she held the position of First Vice President and then President of the Central Pennsylvania Paralegal Association. She has served as both the Primary and Secondary representative to NFPA and has chaired various committees.

Ms. Swedenhjelm previously held the position of NFPA Leadership Training Coordinator for two years and was previously a member of NFPA's Marketing Committee. She had the opportunity to serve NFPA as the Region IV Director for a short time before being appointed by the NFPA Board of Directors to the position of Vice President and Director of Membership.

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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