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### **PORTLAND PARALEGAL CHOSEN FOR 2010 WILLIAM R. ROBIE AWARD BY THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF PARALEGAL ASSOCIATIONS, INC. (NFPA)**

Edmonds, WA – February 2011 - The National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. (NFPA) selected Diane L. Thompson, CP, RP as the recipient of the organization's 2010 William R. Robie Award. The award was presented at NFPA's Annual Convention in Cherry Hill, New Jersey on October 9, 2010.

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.

Ms. Thompson has been a paralegal since 1975. She has been employed with the law firm of Markowitz Herrold in Portland, Oregon since 2006. She has also attained both the Certified Paralegal (CP) and the PACE Registered Paralegal (RP) credentials.

Ms. Thompson has published numerous articles and has presented to various professional groups on the subjects of paralegal certification and the areas of probate, corporate, litigation, real estate and transactional work.

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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