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THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF PARALEGAL ASSOCIATIONS, INC. (NFPA) AND THOMSON REUTERS ANNOUNCE WINNERS OF 2010 SCHOLARSHIPS

Edmonds, WA – February 2011 - The National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. (NFPA) and Thomson Reuters announced the winners of the two annual NFPA/Thomson Reuters scholarships at NFPA’s Annual Convention in Philadelphia, PA on October 9, 2010. Melissa Solomon of, Rocky Mountain, North Carolina was awarded the $3,500 scholarship, and Jessica A. Giraldo of Miami Dade College Wolfson Campus, Miami, Florida was awarded the $1,500 scholarship from Thomson Reuters.

As part of the competition, each applicant wrote an essay relating to the topic of “encouraging Pro Bono providers to utilize paralegals and paralegal students in providing Pro Bono services”, what it means and, as a paralegal student, did they believe everything was being done to assist individuals needing those services and how could they assist in meeting those needs. The applicants were also judged by representatives of the NFPA Advisory Board on their academic records, extra-curricular activities, and recommendations from professors and/or work supervisors.

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