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**The National Federation of Paralegal Associations presents
Paralegal of the Year Award**



Indianapolis, IN – January 2019 - The National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. (NFPA®) presented the Paralegal of the Year award to Theda Yandell on October 27 at the 2018 Annual Convention in Seattle, WA. The Paralegal of the Year Award recognizes an individual whose on-the-job achievements have contributed to the paralegal profession.

Yandell has, for over 30 years, made significant contributions to the expansion for the paralegal profession. She serves as her firm's Paralegal Coordinator. In this role, Yandell manages workflow, reviews resumes, interviews prospective paralegals, organizes educational seminars and researches avenues to increase office productivity. Yandell has shown her employer the value of the role of paralegals by performing additional duties previously performed by an associate and has increased the importance of the role of paralegal in the law firm's practice.

Her mentorship of paralegals reaches outside of the law firm and into both the Washington State Paralegal Association and NFPA. Over the past 20 years, she has committed significant hours to her various volunteer positions, including WSPA President, Vice-President, Seattle Chapter director, NFPA Primary and Secondary representative and the Region I director for several years. Her mentoring of others ensures growth and continuation of the paralegal profession. Yandell uses every interaction as an opportunity to share the importance of the paralegal profession and its ability to assist others.

In addition to the associations she is affiliated with, Yandell promotes the profession by serving on the Highline Community College's Paralegal Advisory Board, an American Bar Association accredited paralegal program. She is a frequent presenter and her expertise provides valuable insight to the Board.

Yandell's leadership is demonstrated through her overall contributions and significant commitment to her employer, her legal community, the paralegal profession and her outstanding paralegal career.

NFPA is a non-profit professional organization representing more than 8,000 paralegals and is headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana. 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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