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## **NATIONAL FEDERATION OF PARALEGAL ASSOCIATIONS (NFPA) ANNOUNCES 2015 OUTSTANDING LOCAL LEADER AWARD WINNER**

Edmonds, WA – December 2015 - The National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. (NFPA) is pleased to announce that Beth L. King, RP<sup>®</sup>, has been selected as NFPA's 2015 Outstanding Local Leader.

Beth King, RP<sup>®</sup> has spent a great deal of her paralegal career advancing the paralegal profession through active involvement in the national and state organizations. She is an adjunct professor at Portland Community College Paralegal Program teaching law office management and ethics. Ms. King has been instrumental in growing and cultivating Oregon Paralegal Association's (OPA) leadership and influential in the development of the paralegal profession in Oregon. Ms. King has served as the Paralegal Program Director at Pioneer Pacific College, where she also taught civil litigation, ethics, law office management, legal research and legal writing. She also served as Director of Legal Assistant Studies at College of Legal Arts in Portland.

Oregon Supreme Court Chief Justice, Thomas Balmer, credits Ms. King in his understanding of the paralegal profession and the understanding of the crucial role of paralegals in providing legal services.

She started her trailblazing leadership in 1979, when OPA was first created, and continues to be an active member. In her role as an instructor at Portland Community College's American Bar Association approved paralegal program, and her advisory roles on various OPA committees, Ms. King has promoted interest and active participation in OPA's activities and the profession. She has chaired numerous committees and held many Board positions, including President, NFPA Primary Representative and NFPA Region I Director. She currently serves as the Chair of OPA's *Ad Hoc* Committees for the Limited License Legal Technician OSB Task Force. Within NFPA, Ms. King has served as Vice President & Director of Professional Development, chair of the Strategic Planning Committee and Editorial Committee. Ms. King is also a contributor of professional articles to *Paragram*, *Reporter Magazine*, *KNOW Magazine*, *Sue Magazine* and *Legal Assistant Today*. She also assisted with the PCCE Entry Level Certification Exam, as an item writer and wrote Legal Writing and Critical Analysis section for the PCCE study manual.

Ms. King was born in Des Plaines, Illinois and relocated to Oregon in 1980. She earned her B.A. in Management and Organizational Leadership from George Fox University and she received her PACE RP designation in 2000. She is the recipient of the 2008 William R. Robie Leadership Award, a national award recognizing contributions to the paralegal profession.

NFPA's Outstanding Local Leader Award recognizes an individual NFPA member for outstanding leadership contributions to his/her local association and demonstrate influential behavior in the paralegal profession; motivates others to work toward establishing and carrying out professional goals and recognized by the legal community as a committed professional dedicated to the advancement of the legal profession.

NFPA is a non-profit professional organization representing more than 8,500 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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