

MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT

Dana Murphy-Love, CAE
Managing Director
dana@paralegals.org

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF PARALEGAL ASSOCIATIONS (NFPA®) ANNOUNCES 2014 OUTSTANDING LOCAL LEADER AWARD WINNER

Edmonds, WA – November 2014 - The National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. (“NFPA”) is pleased to announce that Cynthia Minchillo, RP®, has been selected as NFPA’s 2014 Outstanding Local Leader.

Cynthia Minchillo, RP® is employed as a Paralegal with Chalker Flores, LLP, an intellectual property law firm in Dallas, Texas. She started her paralegal career in 1988 and has considerable experience in personal injury and business litigation with new experience in IP infringement and patent prosecution. In addition, she is an associate faculty member of Collin College and a presenter and author on various continuing legal education topics for paralegals. She has had several articles published in DAPA’s *On The Record*, NFPA’s *National Paralegal Reporter*, and in the *Texas Paralegal Journal*.

She became a Board Certified Paralegal in Personal Injury Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in 1996 (until 2014) followed by earning her Registered Paralegal (RP®) designation by passing the Paralegal Advanced Competency Examination (PACE®) sponsored by NFPA in 1997. Ms. Minchillo holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Government and Politics (*cum laude*) and a Master’s Degree in Public Affairs from the University of Texas at Dallas.

Ms. Minchillo served as the NFPA Secondary Representative, Primary Representative, President-Elect, and President of the Dallas Area Paralegal Association (DAPA). In 1997, she was recognized by her peers for her outstanding work and awarded DAPA’s Paralegal of the Year award. She also served as a member of the ABA Approval Commission on behalf of NFPA from 2008-2012, and continues to serve as a volunteer for the ABA. From 2008-2011, she served on NFPA’s Paralegal Core Competency Exam (PCCE™) planning committee helping to develop the exam and contributing to NFPA’s PCCE™ Study Manual as an author. Most recently, Ms. Minchillo served as the NFPA 2014 Annual Convention Host Coordinator. She currently writes and maintains the State Bar of Texas Paralegal Division blog.

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.

NFPA – *The Leader of the Paralegal Profession*®
www.paralegals.org

National Paralegal Reporter, NFPA, PACE Registered Paralegal, RP, PACE, the PACE design logo, NFPA - The Leader of the Paralegal Profession and the NFPA design logo are all Registered Trademarks/Service Marks of NFPA; NFPA - Your partner in your profession, PACE - The Standard for Excellence, Paralegal CORE Competency Exam, PCCE, PCC Exam, CORE Registered Paralegal, CRP and PCCE design logo are Trademarks/Service Marks of NFPA.