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## **NATIONAL FEDERATION OF PARALEGAL ASSOCIATIONS (NFPA®) ANNOUNCES 2015 PARALEGAL OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER**

Edmonds, WA – December 2015 – The National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. (“NFPA”) is pleased to announce that Joyce S. Kent, RP®, has been selected as NFPA’s 2015 Paralegal of the Year.

This award recognizes an individual NFPA member whose on-the-job achievements have contributed to expansion of the paralegal profession, including contributions to his/her employer, colleagues and the paralegal profession in general.

Ms. Kent has been a paralegal for over 30 years and currently serves as a senior paralegal in the Stoel Rives LLP Real Estate and Construction Practice Group in their Ligation Department.

Ms. Kent’s enthusiasm, unwavering commitment and strong work ethic has been recognized by her excellence as a member of the Oregon Paralegal Association (OPA) and her employer. She serves as an integral member of the OPA Board and her firm.

She continues to put in significant time and effort toward her commitments to OPA and its members as a long standing NFPA Representative., Annual Convention Co-Chair and Legal Service Provider Liaison. As liaison, Ms. Kent significantly increased OPA’s Sustaining Members through marketing efforts. She is also a member of the Foundation for the Advancement of the Paralegal Profession, a member of the Advisory Board of the Pioneer Pacific College and a member of the Advisory Board of the Mount Hood College. She previously serves as a past member of the joint Oregon Supreme Court and Oregon State Bar Task Force on Gender Fairness, past member of the Oregon State Board Committee on Legal Secretaries and past president of the National Association of Legal Assistants (NALS) of Portland. Recently, Ms. Kent was named recipient “Boss of the Year” by NALS of Portland.

Ms. Kent’s excellence in trial management and legal discovery has allowed her to mentor and teach courses in trial case management at Mount Hood Community College and has made numerous presentations on discovery practice, case management and other areas in civil litigation for various colleges and institutions, including OPA, Portland Community College, Mount Hood Community College, NALS and her firm.

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