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NATIONAL FEDERATION OF PARALEGAL ASSOCIATIONS (NFPA®) ANNOUNCES WILLIAM R. ROBIE LEADERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT

Edmonds, WA – November 2015 - The National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. (NFPA) selected Kathleen Miller, RP®, as the recipient of the organization's prestigious 2015 William R. Robie Leadership Award. The award was presented at NFPA's Annual Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii on October 12, 2015.

NFPA established this award in 1993 to honor the memory of the late Chief Immigration Judge William R. Robie for his dedication to the expansion of legal services and equal access to justice for all Americans, and his commitment to the paralegal profession. The winner of the annual award must have made a lasting legacy through his or her contributions to the community and paralegal profession.

Ms. Miller is a member of the Oregon Paralegal Association (OPA) and has been a paralegal for 38 years. She started her legal career in 1977 as a legal secretary at a small, two attorney firm. She joined the litigation department of the firm of Stoel Rives, LLP, in Portland in 1980, and was promoted to a paralegal position in 1987. After over a 22-year career at Stoel Rives, Ms. Miller married and moved to the Oregon Coast where she has been working as the sole paralegal and office manager in her husband's firm, Stephen H. Miller, PC, in Reedsport, Oregon. She received her Registered Paralegal designation in 2000.

Ms. Miller's dedication to the paralegal profession and service to the legal community are personified in her leadership roles and participation in OPA, NFPA, the Foundation for the Advancement of the Paralegal Profession (Foundation), the National Association of Legal Professionals (NALS), member of the Board of Directors of the Oregon Law Institute and Continuing Legal Education Department of Lewis & Clark Law School. Ms. Miller is a former member of the Board of Directors of the OreALS Scholarship Fund, Inc. and served as President (1990-1993). While an active member of NALS, Ms. Miller served on various committees, as chair and also served on its Certifying Board. She also was an associate member of the Oregon State Bar, Oregon Women Lawyers' Association and the Multnomah Bar Association. Ms. Miller also participates in *Pro Bono* services with the Navy Legalman Program, Adopt-A-Family Projects, Dress for Success and the Officer Buddy Bear Program. She was also instrumental in overseeing the completion of the corporate nonprofit status of the Foundation.

Ms. Miller has served as OPA's PACE Ambassador (2003 to 2007) and through her outreach to paralegals in Oregon and Southwest Washington was instrumental in encouraging paralegals to study for and successfully take the PACE Exam. While serving as OPA's PACE Ambassador, she received the 2006 NFPA PACE Ambassador Award.

Ms. Miller's legacy to the paralegal profession is through her countless hours of volunteer services as speaker and author of numerous continuing education materials. Recently, she has served on OPA's

Limited License Legal Technicians (LLLT) Committee and authored an article on the pros of a LLLT profession (2014). She has taught workshops and spoke at conferences on communication skills, leadership, ethics, litigation practice, law office management, association management and board development and has presented numerous in-house education programs in business and litigation departments.

Ms. Miller is very dedicated to the paralegal profession and her local community by priding herself through *pro bono* service for several non-profit organizations. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Reedsport and was President from 2012-2013. She is serving as President of the Coastal Douglas Arts & Business Alliance. She has been instrumental in applying for grants to benefit local community organizations. In 2010, the Reedsport/Winchester Bay Chamber of Commerce awarded Ms. Miller the Volunteer of the Year Award for Outstanding Community Service. She is a member of the Ford Institute Leadership Program for Rural Communities as the Community Ambassador and Community Trainer. She is also the founder of the Reedsport Garden Club and founding member of the South Coast Community Garden Association.

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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