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NATIONAL FEDERATION OF PARALEGAL ASSOCIATIONS (NFPA®) ANNOUNCES 2015 CERTIFICATION AMBASSADOR AWARD WINNER

Edmonds, WA – December 2015 - The National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. (NFPA) is pleased to announce that Linda Odermott, RP®, has been selected as the NFPA 2015 Certification Ambassador winner.

NFPA's Certification Ambassador Award recognizes outstanding achievement in promotion of the Paralegal Advanced Competency Exam (PACE®) and Paralegal CORE Competency Exam (PCCE™) programs.

Ms. Odermott received her Registered Paralegal (RP) designation in 2012 and has been Oregon Paralegal Association's (OPA) Certification Ambassador since 2013. Since her appointment, she has tirelessly promoted NFPA's paralegal certification exams in state and in Southwest Washington paralegal school programs and their local legal community. Ms. Odermott has since effectively assisted seven OPA members successfully sit for the PCCE Exam and aided six OPA members obtain their RP designation.

Ms. Odermott's dedication to paralegal certification has gained her public recognition. For the past past couple years, Ms. Odermott, has successfully organized and held all day Certification Workshops. She continues to organize study groups and promote NFPA's certification exams by making presentations to legal employers, obtaining donations for financial support for workshops, encouraging certified paralegals to assist in recruiting their peers to research and pursue benefits of voluntary certification. She is best regarded for speaking at the 2014 NFPA Regulation and Certification Ambassador Conferences in Boston, Massachusetts; the 2015 NFPA Regulation and Certification Conferences in Portland and at the 2015 Annual NFPA Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii. She continues to form and mentor study groups for both exams.

The Oregon State Bar appointed Ms. Odermott to its Limited License Legal Technician Task Force in 2013, where she served with attorneys, judges, paralegals and paralegal program educators to create a report for submission to the Oregon State Bar Board of Governors to consider implementing a program that will work well with recent legislative actions taken in bordering states, most recently in the State of Washington. Her work on the Task Force has provided her the opportunity to advocate and educate the committee members on voluntary certification, education and the value of voluntary registration of paralegals, including working with Magistrate Judge Tanner (Oregon Tax Court) on the education and experience subcommittee.

Ms. Odermott, recently transitioned to Dunn Carney Allen Higgins & Tongue where she is the land use paralegal handling land use, construction defect and other relevant real property matters. She is also a real property paralegal instructor at Portland Community College. She currently serves as Review Coordinator for NFPA and is a member of OPA's Board of Directors. Ms. Odermott started her paralegal career as an extern paralegal in family law with a single attorney.

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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