



NEWS RELEASE

Colorado Paralegal Elected Secretary and Director of Leadership Development for the National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc.

Minneapolis, MN, October 26, 2020 – The National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. (NFPA®), is pleased to announce that Mianne L. Besser, AACP, has been elected as Secretary and Director of Leadership Development for the 2020-2022 term. NFPA's elections are held at its Annual Convention and Policy Meeting.

The Secretary and Director of Leadership Development is responsible for overseeing the daily operations of NFPA® in partnership with its management company, as well as ensuring NFPA® is compliant with all state and federal regulations and NFPA®'s Annual Convention. The Secretary and Director of Leadership Development collaborates with the management company to implement training, leadership development, mentoring and cross-training programs for Board members. The Secretary and Director of Leadership Development will provide association management coaching, mentoring and offer leadership development for local member associations.

Mianne L. Besser, AACP, contributes 24 years of experience as a Litigation Paralegal for Berg Hill Greenleaf Ruscitti LLP.

She has a background in multiple legal disciplines, with a focus in litigation; she also has extensive trial experience and is well-versed in eDiscovery.

Ms. Besser received a BA in Management and Business Administration from the University of Phoenix; and a paralegal certificate from the Denver Paralegal Institute, an ABA-approved program.

Prior to being elected as the Secretary and Director of Leadership Development, Ms. Besser served one term as Secretary and Director of Operations; three terms as NFPA Region Director, Region II; member and Chair of the State of the Paralegal Profession Committee; member of the Budget Committee; and Special Projects Coordinator.

At the local level, Ms. Besser served in a variety of positions for the Rocky Mountain Paralegal Association (RMPA), including two non-consecutive terms as President, President-elect, Board Advisor, NFPA Primary Representative, NFPA Secondary Representative, Director-at-Large and Editor.



Ms. Besser's additional professional affiliations include the American Alliance of Paralegals, Inc., Colorado Association of Litigation Support Professionals and Women in eDiscovery.

Ms. Besser is an invited CLE speaker for NFPA, RMPA and the Institute for Paralegal Education (IPE). She has been interviewed for her perspective on the paralegal profession by Andrew Morkes (College & Career Press), Laurel Vietzen (Practical Contract Law for Paralegals, 3d. Edition), and LawCrossing.com. She has authored, or co-authored, articles which were printed in the *National Paralegal Reporter* and *Trial Talk*. While serving as NFPA's Special Projects Coordinator, she authored two White Papers, "Legal Process Outsourcing" and "Ethical Considerations for Paralegals and Social Media".

Ms. Besser is active in her community serving as a member of the Community College of Aurora's Paralegal Advisory Committee. She has also been involved in planned giving events benefitting many local organizations including The Gathering Place, Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado, and Free the Girls.

NFPA® is a non-profit professional organization representing more than 8,000 paralegals and is headquartered in Minneapolis, Minnesota. NFPA®'s core purpose is to advance the paralegal profession with a mission to promote a global presence for the paralegal profession and leadership in the legal community.

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