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FLORIDA PARALEGAL ELECTED DIRECTOR, REGION III FOR THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF PARALEGAL ASSOCIATIONS (NFPA®)

Edmonds, WA – December 2015 - The National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. (NFPA) is pleased to announce that Barbara O'Shaughnessy, FRP has been elected to the position of Director, Region III for the 2015-2016 term.

Barbara O'Shaughnessy has been employed as a paralegal since 1985, beginning her career in a large nationwide foreclosure firm for 3-1/2 years then moving to a local foreclosure firm for 7-1/2 years. She also worked for 1-1/2 years with a national firm who was local counsel to a national bank with offices in Tampa. When the local firm closed its doors due a bank buyout, she found employment at the firm of [Barnett, Bolt, Kirkwood, Long & Koche, P.A.](#) in Tampa, where she has spent the last 18+ years specializing in commercial real estate transactions.

Ms. O'Shaughnessy has been affiliated with the Paralegal Association of Florida, Inc. (State and Hillsborough County Chapter), and the National Association of Legal Assistants, Inc. since 2005. In 2007, she became an active member of the Tampa Bay Paralegal Association, Inc. ("TBPA"), where she has served on the Board of Directors in various roles, including Director, Secretary, Treasurer, First Vice President, President-Elect and President. As a Member of the TBPA, Barbara is a member of the National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. ("NFPA") and has recently (October 2015) been elected as the Region III Director on the NFPA's Board of Directors. She has also been registered with The Florida Bar as a Florida Registered Paralegal since March 28, 2008.

While not working on activities advancing the paralegal profession, Ms. O'Shaughnessy spends time volunteering at the local USO Welcome Center at the Tampa International Airport. She is also an amateur photographer and likes to take photos wherever she travels (from Alaska to Hartford then on to Dallas and Hawaii and back to Florida).

The Region Directors are responsible for the "humanization of NFPA" to local associations, and are the main liaison between member associations and other Board members.

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