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NATIONAL FEDERATION OF PARALEGAL ASSOCIATIONS (NFPA®) ANNOUNCES HAWAII PARALEGAL, RONELL B. BADUA, ELECTED NFPA REGION I DIRECTOR

Oakbrook Terrace, IL — The National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. (NFPA) is pleased to announce that Ronell B. Badua, of Honolulu, Hawaii has been elected to the position of Director, Region I for the 2017-2018 term.

Ronell B. Badua is a paralegal at the Department of the Corporation Counsel, City and County of Honolulu. The Department of the Corporation Counsel meets the diverse legal needs of all city agencies, the Council and all officers and employees relating to their official powers and duties in all legal proceedings and services incident as required by the Charter or law. Mr. Badua contributes his paralegal experience as the city's transit paralegal working on the Honolulu Rail Transit Project, the largest public works and first grade-separated fixed rail system in Hawaii.

Mr. Badua received his Associate in Science paralegal certificate from Kapi`olani Community College, an American Bar Association-approved program since 1978.

Mr. Badua's professional and community involvement includes recognition from the Hawaii Paralegal Association (HPA) as its 2011 Paralegal of the Year and in 2014 was awarded the Career Achievement Award for his outstanding and meritorious service to the legal community and the paralegal profession. In 2015, he was also awarded the HPA Leadership Award for his service within the Association. He has been an advocate for advancing the paralegal profession serving in various roles with the NFPA, including the State of the Paralegal Profession Report and Strategic Planning *ad hoc* committees. He has also served as the *Inside Reports* Coordinator and Advertising/Public Relations Coordinator to the NFPA. Mr. Badua personally donates to the Farrington Alumni and Community Foundation to assist with providing scholarship opportunities for students to pursue a para-legal education. He volunteers on various *pro bono* activities, including Legal Line and public Legal Clinics in conjunction with the local bar association. Mr. Badua also successfully co-chaired the planning of the NFPA Annual Convention and Policy Meeting in October 2015. In July 2015, he was featured on *The Paralegal Mentor*.

In addition, Mr. Badua has served in a variety of positions for the Hawaii Paralegal Association, including President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Publications, Director of Professional Development, Board Advisor and local association national affairs delegate to the NFPA for eight consecutive years.



“I am humbled and thankful of the Delegates of Region for their confidence in electing me to serve as their loyal director. It gives me great pleasure to work with everyone to build on the positive success and viability of the paralegal profession and NFPA as *The Leader of the Paralegal Profession*[®]. Working with NFPA delegates, stakeholders and legal professionals, I believe we can collaboratively add value to the advancement and diversification to our profession. We can make a difference and build strong relationships with unified partnerships.”

The NFPA Region Directors shall preside at the meetings of the region and are responsible for the "humanization of NFPA" to local associations. Directors represent the interests of the members of the region and are the main liaison between member associations and the Board of Directors. NFPA regions are divided into five regions. NFPA's Region I consists of Alaska, Washington, California, Montana, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, Arizona and Hawaii.

NFPA is a non-profit professional organization representing more than 8,000 paralegals and is headquartered in Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois. 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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