

NFPA 2017 Joint Conference Regulation Conference Sunday, April 30, 2017

Time	Topic	Speaker
8:30 – 8:45	Welcome	Lori Boris, RP®, MnCP <i>NFPA Vice President and Director of Positions and Issues</i>
8:45 – 9:45	Alternative Legal Models – What are they and why should I care? Recently Minnesota joined several other states in exploring alternative legal models to expand access to justice. Maren will provide an overview of recent developments in paralegal licensing and regulation, as well as a detailed look into what Minnesota’s Task Force studied, their process for evaluating various models, and the final recommendations of the Task Force.	Maren Schroeder, MBA, RP®, MnCP <i>NFPA, Regulation Review Coordinator Minnesota Paralegal Association, Director of Marketing Minnesota State Bar Association, ALM Task Force Member</i>
9:45 – 10:45	The Long and Winding Path to Paralegal Certification Having been intimately involved in the development and formation of paralegal regulation policies and programs, both with the initial NFPA models for paralegal regulation in the early to mid-1990’s, as well as the development of the Wisconsin proposal for paralegal licensure and now on the cusp of approval of a voluntary certification program in Wisconsin, John will present an overview of this work for the past 20 plus years on regulation, work with legislators, state bar associations and the justice department.	John Goudie, AACP <i>Chair of Professional Development Committee and NFPA Primary, Paralegal Association of Wisconsin President, American Alliance of Paralegals, Inc.</i>
10:45 – 11:00	Break	
11:00 – 12:00	You and Your Local Bar How do you effectively work with your local bar associations and task forces on alternative legal service delivery methods and legislation? This is a question Linda will answer based on her experience with the Oregon State Bar Board of Governor’s Task force on LLLT’s.	Linda Odermott, RP® <i>NFPA Armed Forces Co-Coordinator and Association Management Co-Coordinator Certification Ambassado, Oregon Paralegal Association</i>
12:00 – 12:15	Lunch	

12:15 – 1:30	<p>Justice Delayed is Justice Denied – Equal Access to the Courts (keynote) Wrongfully convicted, Mr. Tankleff spent over 17 years (precisely 6,338 days) incarcerated. Following his release in 2007, he set to work obtaining a B.A. in Sociology and obtained his J.D. in 2014. Mr. Tankleff will discuss his case, life experience, and what he went through to gain justice in court. He will also discuss how difficult it is for innocent or wrongly convicted people to obtain justice.</p>	<p>Marty Tankleff, J.D. <i>NYS Exoneree, Paralegal, Public Speaker Vice President, Absolutely Innocent Exoneree Advisory Committee Member, Innocence Project</i></p>
1:30 – 2:30	<p>Expanded Scope/UPL Ethics Session The presentation will explore how expanded roles for legal professionals has resulted in the evolution of the rules of professional conduct to avoid the unauthorized practice of law.</p>	<p>Brenda Cothary <i>NFPA Legislative Co-Coordinator</i></p>
2:30-2:45	<p>Break</p>	
2:45 – 3:45	<p>Ethical Challenges and Implications: Social Media in the Legal Profession The impact of the proliferation in the use of social media on the legal profession, including ethical challenges and consequences for attorneys and paralegals related to technology, discovery, the court system, and marketing. Examination of the applicable ethical rules and concomitant issues regarding the unauthorized practice of law, confidentiality, conflicts of interest, competence, and professionalism.</p>	<p>Sybil Taylor Aytch, RP®, M.Ed. <i>NFPA Bar Association Coordinator NFPA Ethics and Professional Responsibility Committee</i></p>
3:45 – 4:45	<p>Ethics Panel</p>	<p>Moderator: Lori Boris <i>NFPA Vice President and Director of Positions and Issues</i> <i>Participants:</i> Brenda Cothary <i>NFPA Legislative Co-Coordinator</i> Sybil Taylor Aytch, RP®, M.Ed. Maren Schroeder, MBA, RP®, MnCP <i>NFPA Regulation Review Coordinator</i> Pamela Starr, CBA, J.S.M., MATD <i>NFPA Ethics Board Chair</i></p>