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THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF PARALEGAL ASSOCIATIONS PRESENTS THE 2020 WILLIAM R. ROBIE LEADERSHIP AWARD

Minneapolis, MN, November 2020 – The National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. (NFPA®) presented the William Robie Leadership award to Christine Hansen, ILAP at its Annual Convention on October 24, 2020.

NFPA established this award in 1993 to honor the memory of the late Chief Immigration Judge William R. Robie for his dedication to the expansion of legal services and equal justice for all Americans, and his commitment to the paralegal profession. The winner of the annual award must have made a lasting legacy through contributions to the community and paralegal profession. Larkin Hoffman Attorneys sponsored the 2020 Robie Leadership Award.

Hansen's strength and fortitude in the profession is one that effectively improves the paralegals she interacts with by her emphasis on education, communication and collaboration with other paralegals and members of the legal community.

Hansen has enthusiastically worked on behalf of the paralegal profession and the Illinois Paralegal Association (IPA) for 40 years. She began her paralegal career after earning a Bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire with a degree in History and Political Science. She received her paralegal training from Roosevelt University Lawyer's Assistant Program specializing in litigation. Hansen served on the Roosevelt University Lawyer's Assistant Advisory Board since 1990 and recently retired after nearly 36 years as a Senior Litigation Paralegal with AT&T.

Beyond retirement, Hansen remained involved and committed to IPA and NFPA. She continues to mentor paralegals, advocating the significance of belonging to a paralegal organization while motivating and inspiring the profession's future leaders.

Hansen made major contributions to IPA and legal community by creating and chairing many Committees, including: Chair of the Senior Section (addressing the problems, needs and interests of experienced members of the profession); Chair of the IPA Standards Committee, responsible for IPA's Salary Survey; speaker at various schools; Chair of the Illinois State Bar Association subcommittee on the Utilization of Paralegals; and co-founder of the In-House Paralegal Section and Illinois Paralegal Accreditation Committee. On the national level, Hansen has served as NFPA delegate, has served on the NFPA In-House Committee, NFPA Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee and served on the IPA committee that hosted NFPA's Convention.



Her passion for helping others is evident in the many charitable events Hansen has helped organized including collections for Operation Gratitude for the military; teddy bear collection for the Illinois State Police; and her continued support of military paralegals.

NFPA is a non-profit professional organization representing more than 8,000 paralegals and is headquartered in Minneapolis, MN. 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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