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Portland Paralegal Elected Vice President and Director of Paralegal Certification for the National Federation of Paralegal Associations



Indianapolis, IN, January 2019 - The National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. (NFPA) is pleased to announce Linda Odermott, RP[®], OCP, Portland, OR has been elected to the position of Vice President and Director of Paralegal Certification for the 2018-2020 term. The elections were held at NFPA's Annual Convention in Seattle, Washington on October 27, 2018.

Odermott has been a paralegal since 2007, focusing on complex litigation, municipal law and real property with expertise in land use, construction defect, real property and cannabis-related matters. In 2012, she received her RP[®] credentials from NFPA and in 2017, Odermott received the OCP credentials from OPA. She currently works with attorneys at the law firm of Dunn Carney in Portland, Oregon, in the firm's litigation and real estate practice groups.

Odermott is also an instructor and member of the adjunct faculty with the Portland Community College, where she is entering her fifth year teaching real property to paralegal students. In 2015 and 2016, she was awarded the Paralegal of the Year Award from OPA and in 2015, she was also fortunate enough to receive the Certification Ambassador Award from NFPA. Odermott was appointed by two consecutive Oregon State Bar (OSB) Executive Directors to two different task forces researching licensing paralegals in Oregon, similar to the Washington LLLT. Most recently, she was appointed to an implementation committee to create the rules for such a program approved by the OSB Board of Governors. In addition, Linda co-authored the Oregon Certified Paralegal program, which issues the OCP credentials during her tenure as the OPA Regulation Committee Co-Chair, which also implemented the program in 2016-17.

Her volunteer commitments include:

- NFPA: Armed Forces Coordinator, Paralegal Certification Coordinator PR, Association Management Co-Coordinator, Budget Committee Member, Regulation Review Coordinator, Regulation Review Committee Member, Ad Hoc Committee Chair; both the UPL Position Statement (current) and the Non-Lawyer Practice Committees
- OPA: Nominations, Elections and Awards Chair – current, Certification Ambassador, Regulation Committee Co-Chair, Board of Director, Joint



Conference Hosting Association Committee Member, Annual Convention Committee Member, Pro Bono Committee Member – current, Military Outreach Coordinator, Public Relations Chair

- OSB: Paralegal Licensure Implementation Committee Member – current, Legal Futures Task Force Regulatory Committee Member, Limited License Legal Technician Task Force Member
- Everest College: Paralegal Program Advisory Committee Member

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