

## **NFPA 2023 JOINT CONFERENCE – LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

**Executive Presence – Do I Need It?  
Saturday, April 1, 2023 1:50 p.m., EDT**

### **Description**

This presentation will discuss what is executive presence and why it is important as a leader, co-worker, board member, delegate and committee member including how you communicate verbally and convey your intentions through your appearance and physicality.

***Georgette M. Pecoraro, RP***



Ms. Pecoraro is a senior litigation manager on the group benefits litigation team in The Hartford's Law Department. She manages litigation involving ERISA and non-ERISA short-term and long-term disability, life, and accidental death & dismemberment claims, as well as other group benefits products, and provides litigation counseling to business clients as well as Law Department colleagues. Georgette served on the board of directors of the National Federation of Paralegal Associations as its president, board advisor, and treasurer/director of finance. She also served in various capacities on the board of directors of the New Haven County Association of Paralegals, including serving as president and treasurer. Georgette served as a member of the Legal Studies Advisory Committee for the University of New Haven for more than a decade. She attended Quinnipiac University, where she graduated *magna cum laude*.

**Leading the Paralegal Profession to New Heights  
Saturday, April 1, 2023 3:00 p.m., EDT**

### **Description**

In this presentation Professor Toni Marsh will describe how she has worked to expand the boundaries of the profession by educating lawyers, law students, and working paralegals as well as paralegal students.

***Toni Marsh, J.D.***



Professor Marsh is the founding director of the George Washington University paralegal studies program and an associate professor of Paralegal Studies. Professor Marsh, the author of *Juvenile Law*, presents on paralegals and access to justice, expanding paralegal roles, the unauthorized practice of law, and paralegals in tribal communities in the US, Ecuador, and Tanzania. Professor Marsh has made it her professional mission to not only educate paralegals with rigor and excellence, but also to move the profession forward.

**Leadership Mindset and Emotional Intelligence: An Interactive Workshop**  
**Saturday, April 1, 2023 4:15 p.m., EDT**

**Description**

This session will discuss leadership mindset, emotional intelligence and applying these thought processes to discuss ways to implement NFPA's mission and strategic plan. This will be an interactive workshop with breakout groups to consider NFPA's leadership, goals, and future.

***Laura Timm, CP, Pa.C.P., NFPA Secretary & Director of Leadership Development***



Ms. Timm is a paralegal in Pittsburgh, PA, her hometown, focusing in areas of law such as, corporate, board governance, mergers and acquisitions, and contracts. Laura also has experience within employment law. Laura has been a member of the Pittsburgh Paralegal Association since 2011. Laura has served on the PPA Board of Directors in a number of different positions, including Treasurer, Special Projects Committee, and NFPA Secondary Delegate. Laura has also served the Keystone Alliance of Paralegal Associations Board of Directors in a

number of different positions, including Credentialing Committee and Nominations Committee Chair.

Ms. Timm obtained her bachelor's degree in Communications Studies from West Virginia University, Paralegal Certificate from Duquesne University, and Master of Business Administration from Point Park University. Laura earned NALA's Certified Paralegal (CP®) certification in 2015. In 2022 she also obtained the Keystone Alliance of Paralegal Associations' Pennsylvania Certified Paralegal (Pa.C.P.) credential.

***Patty Meagher , MnCP, NFPA Leadership Coordinator***



Ms. Meagher is a corporate in-house paralegal at 3M Company with over thirty years of legal experience. Her focus for the last fifteen years has been on mergers, acquisitions and divestitures. She recently expanded her duties to include Section 16 filings, securities filings and corporate governance work. Patty has chaired the paralegal group at 3M and was the past chair of the developing non-attorney legal professionals committee.

Ms. Meagher completed her Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications in 1994 from Augsburg College and her Associate in Applied Science degree, paralegal program in 1991 from Inver Hills Community College. Patty has been a Minnesota Certified Paralegal since 2021. She has been a member of Minnesota Paralegal Association, where she held director positions in the past, and a member of the National Federation of Paralegal Associations since 1997. She is the current NFPA Primary and DPI for the Minnesota Paralegal Association and NFPA Leadership Coordinator and In-House Paralegal Committee Co-Chair.