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**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF PARALEGAL ASSOCIATIONS  
(NFPA®) ANNOUNCES INDIANA PARALEGAL, CHERYLAN  
SHEARER ELECTED SECRETARY AND DIRECTOR OF  
OPERATIONS**

Oakbrook Terrace, IL - The National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. ("NFPA") is pleased to announce that Cherylan Shearer of Goshen, Indiana has been elected the Federation's Secretary and Director of Operations. She will serve a two year term ending in 2018.

Cherylan Shearer is a corporate paralegal at the law firm of Yoder Ainlay Ulmer & Buckingham, LLP in Goshen, Indiana, and has been with the firm for 22 years. She received her paralegal certificate with honors in June 1999 from Indiana University at South Bend. She works with the initial set up of organizations including for-profit, nonprofit, and limited liability companies, and maintains corporate compliance for approximately 500 clients of the firm. She also focuses on mergers and acquisitions for the firm.

Ms. Shearer has been a member of the Michiana Paralegal Association since 1999 and is also an Affiliate Member of the Indiana State Bar Association. While a member of her local Association, she has served as Membership Chair, Primary, and as President. She also served as the NFPA Region III Director from 2009 through 2012, as Chair of the Region Directors from 2010-2012, and Convention Coordinator for 2013-2014. Most recently, she served NFPA as the Secretary and Director of Operations for 2014-2016.

Since 2009, Ms. Shearer has taught the Paralegal Methods in Business Organization seminar to paralegal students at the Indiana University at South Bend. In March 2014, she also presented a webinar for NFPA on Basics of Corporate Structures for Paralegals. She was also awarded the Michiana Paralegal of the Year for 2010.

The Secretary and Director of Operations will be responsible for taking minutes at official NFPA meetings and oversee the daily operations of the association through the Management Company.

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