

2011 *Celebrate Success*



Call for Nominations

NFPA - The Leader of the Paralegal Profession®



2011 Nominations

Award Categories

Join other paralegals in a celebration of excellence in our profession. In October 2011, at the Annual Convention and Policy Meeting, we will be recognizing the outstanding achievements of individuals and associations that have made a significant contribution to the paralegal profession. Scholarships for the advancement of the paralegal profession will also be awarded. These awards and scholarships will be presented at our luncheon on Saturday, October 15 at the Hilton Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport Mall of Amerca.

Following are the award categories/scholarships: William R. Robie Leadership Award, Association Pro Bono Award, Individual Pro Bono Award, NFPA Outstanding Leader Award, NFPA Paralegal of the Year Award, PACE™ Ambassador Award, PACE Scholarship, and NFPA/Thomson Reuters Scholarships. We encourage you to nominate a person whom you have encountered through NFPA.

Association Pro Bono Award

This award recognizes a NFPA member association that has exhibited outstanding dedication and service in the area of Pro Bono Services. Anyone can nominate a NFPA member association for this award.

Individual Pro Bono Award

This award recognizes an individual practicing paralegal who has exhibited extraordinary dedication to the delivery of quality legal services to a portion of the population that cannot afford to pay for legal services. Anyone can nominate a candidate for this award. The candidate need not be a member of NFPA or a NFPA member association.

NFPA Outstanding Leader Award

This award recognizes an individual NFPA member for outstanding leadership contributions to their local association. Only a NFPA member association may nominate candidates for this award.

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NFPA Paralegal of the Year Award

This award recognizes an individual NFPA member whose on-the-job achievements have contributed to expansion of the paralegal profession, including contributions to his or her employer and colleagues and the paralegal profession in general. Candidates for this award must be members of a NFPA member association or individual sustaining members of NFPA.

William R. Robie Leadership Award

This award recognizes a NFPA member in honor of the Honorable William R. Robie and his dedication to the paralegal profession, the expansion of the delivery of legal services and equal access to justice for all Americans. Each member association may nominate a candidate for the award.

PACE Ambassador Award

This award recognizes outstanding achievement in promoting the PACE program. Any NFPA member Association may nominate its PACE Ambassador and association for the award.

PACE Scholarship

This scholarship is to be used solely and exclusively for the purpose of taking PACE and to purchase study materials in connection with the preparation to take PACE.

NFPA/Thomson Reuters Scholarships

These scholarships are awarded to paralegal students and to be used to pursue a paralegal education.

These awards and scholarships are NFPA's highest honors, and the judges take their responsibility seriously. The award and scholarship winners will be selected using the criteria found at www.paralegals.org.

We are proud to pay tribute to NFPA's award winners in the last five years.

William R. Robie Leadership Award

2010 Winner Diane Thompson, CP, RP

- 2009 S. Kristine Farmer, RP
- 2008 Beth King, RP
- 2007 Andrea Lupanze, RP
- 2006 Jeanne Dawes



PACE Ambassador Award

- 2010 Natalie Nelson Sander, RP
- 2009 Michael P. Wallace, RP
- 2008 K. Paezle' Harris, RP, CLA
- 2007 Deborah K. Neale, RP
- 2006 Kathleen K. Miller, RP

Individual Pro Bono Award

*"It was very humbling and equally exciting to receive the Pro Bono Award....
Teresa Scharf*

- 2010 Teresa Scharf
- 2009 Beth Wilkins
- 2008 Joanne Randa
- 2007 Nancy DiPasquale
- 2006 Julie Orr

Association Pro Bono Award

- 2010 Oregon Paralegal Association
- 2009 Philadelphia Association of Paralegals
- 2006 Philadelphia Association of Paralegals
- 2005 San Francisco Paralegal Association
- 2004 National Capital Area Paralegal Association

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Judging criteria and nominations procedures are available at www.paralegals.org

Deadline July 1, 2011

NFPA Paralegal of the Year

- 2010 Michele M. Davis, CP
- 2009 Debra Hindin-King
- 2008 Cynthia Quinn
- 2007 Legalman First Class Marcelo A. Carrillo
- 2006 Edna M. Wallace, RP

NFPA Outstanding Leader Award

2010 Winner Wayne D. Akin

- 2009 Patricia Gagnon, RP
- 2008 Renee Mazzeo
- 2007 Valerie A. Dolan, RP
- 2006 Robert S. Hrouda, RP



NFPA/Thomson Reuters Scholarships

- 2010 Melissa Solomon and Jessica Geraldo
- 2009 Susan Heather Witte and Jamie Kurtis
- 2008 Kathleen Noland and Laverne Scott
- 2007 Erika Ponte and Christine Renda
- 2006 Phyllis Johnson and Kerri Lynn Schaefer

PACE Scholarship

"When I won the PACE scholarship in 2009 I was overwhelmed by the sense of expectation and encouragement I experienced from my peers and mentors. Since becoming involved with PACE educators, test facilitators and the NFPA/PACE leadership, I know my goals are attainable."

Kelley D. Chaney, RP

- 2010 Sharie T. Walerstein
- 2009 Kelley D. Chaney, RP
- 2008 Georgette Neal
- 2007 Kaye Mullinax, AACP, RP