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COLORADO PARALEGAL ELECTED DIRECTOR, REGION II FOR THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF PARALEGAL ASSOCIATIONS (NFPA®)

Edmonds, WA – December 2015 - The National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. (NFPA) is pleased to announce that Mianne L. Besser, of Brighton, CO has been elected to the position of Director, Region II for the 2015-2016 term.

Mianne L. Besser works at Otten Johnson Robinson Neff + Ragonetti PC, with the firm's litigation group as they represent business and real estate clients in litigation, bankruptcy and land use matters. The group's practice covers a broad spectrum of commercial litigation, and Mianne contributes her 19 years of experience as a litigation paralegal.

Ms. Besser received her B.A. in management and business administration from the University of Phoenix. In 1996, she received her paralegal certificate from the Denver Paralegal Institute, an ABA-approved program.

Ms. Besser has been a CLE speaker at many events hosted by the Rocky Mountain Paralegal Association (RMPA); she has also been a speaker for a CLE hosted by NFPA. Mianne is a Faculty Member of the Institute for Paralegal Education (IPE). She has been interviewed for her perspective on the paralegal profession by LawCrossing.com, Paralegal411.com, Careersand Liberty.com, Andrew Morkes, Laurel Vietzen, TheParalegalMentor.com and PracticalParalegalism. She has authored and co-authored articles which were printed in the National Paralegal Reporter and Trial Talk (Colorado Trial Lawyers Association); she also wrote articles as NFPA Special Projects Coordinator, "Legal Process Outsourcing" and "Ethical Considerations for Paralegals and Social Media".

Ms. Besser's professional and community involvement includes recognition from the NFPA as its 2012 Outstanding Local Leader and in 2011 was named by ParalegalGateway as one of its Paralegal Superstars. She has been a strong advocate for paralegal education serving as adjunct instructors at Kaplan College and Community College of Aurora, as well as serving on their Paralegal Advisory Committees with the addition of Westwood College. In addition, Mianne has served in a variety of positions for the Rocky Mountain Paralegal Association, including two terms as president. She is also a member of the Colorado Association of Litigation Support Professionals, past

member of the Colorado Bar Association Paralegal Committee, and the Colorado Trial Lawyers Association serving as Legal Staff Member and Chair.

“I am thankful that the Delegates of Region II elected me to continue my service to NFPA as the Region II Director. I will bring a thoughtful and optimistic approach to the position as well as a commitment to conveying the collective voices of Region II to the Board for the benefit of NFPA. I believe the continued success and viability of NFPA, *"The Leader of the Paralegal Profession®"*, rests within the Association's ability to have a local and global perspective of the paralegal profession. Support for our local affiliates is critical to developing relationships, increasing awareness of our profession and growing membership. Working with Region II Delegates, I believe we can make positive, impactful and actionable suggestions in order to build strong inter-Association partnerships to create a more vibrant and relevant Association.”

The Region Directors are responsible for the "humanization of NFPA" to local associations, and are the main liaison between member associations and other Board members.

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