

2009 *Celebrate Success*



Call for Nominations

NFPA - The Leader of the Paralegal Profession®



2009 Nominations

Award Categories

Join other paralegals in a celebration of excellence in our profession. In October 2009, 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 31, 2009 at the Red Lion Hotel on the River, Jantzen Beach, Portland, Oregon.

Following are the award categories/scholarships: Hon. William H. Robie 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 Publishing Corporation 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 an 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 – Sponsored by CT

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 – Sponsored by CT

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 sponsor a candidate for the award.

PACE Ambassador Award - Sponsored by Altep

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 - Sponsored by Pearson Publishing

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

NFPA/Thomson Reuters Scholarships

These scholarships are awarded 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

William R. Robie Leadership Award 2008 Beth King, RP®

"What an honor and surprise to receive the William R. Robie Leadership Award. Sometimes we just fall into something that becomes our passion."

Beth King, RP
Oregon Paralegal Association

- 2007 Andrea Lupanze, RP
- 2006 Jeanne Dawes
- 2004 Wendy R. Rogers



PACE Ambassador Award 2008 K. Paezle' Harris, RP®, CLA

"It was an honor to be chosen as the 2008 PACE Ambassador of the Year. As GAP's PACE Ambassador, it is my duty and pleasure to spread the word about the importance of the PACE exam and its provision of validation, credentials, and increased value in our organizations. I urge you all to take the plunge and begin taking the necessary steps to become a PACE Registered Paralegal today!"

K. Paezle' Harris, RP, CLA
Georgia Association of Paralegals

- 2007 Deborah K. Neale, RP
- 2006 Kathleen J. Miller, RP
- 2005 San Francisco Paralegal Association

Individual Pro Bono Award

- 2008 Joanne Randa
- 2007 Nancy DiPasquale
- 2006 Julie Orr
- 2005 Cathy Kohr

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

Deadline July 31, 2009

NFPA Outstanding Leader Award

- 2008 Renee Mazzeo
- 2007 Valerie A. Dolan, RP
- 2006 Robert S. Hrouda, RP
- 2005 Lourdes Bugarin
- 2004 Allen Mihecopy, CLA, RP

NFPA Paralegal of the Year

- 2008 Cynthia Quinn
- 2007 Legalman First Class Marcelo A. Carrillo
- 2006 Edna M. Wallace, RP
- 2005 Michele Boerder

NFPA/Thomson Reuters Scholarships

- 2008 Kathleen Noland and Laverne Scott
- 2007 Erika Ponte and Christine Renda
- 2006 Phyllis Johnson and Kerri Lynn Schaefer
- 2005 Christy Alia and Sharon Helgeson
- 2004 Caroline Zelonka & Rachel Manders

PACE™ Scholarship 2008 Georgette Neal

"I am honored to be the recipient of the 2008 PACE scholarship. It has given me the opportunity to soar both personally and professionally. Thank you, NFPA!"

Georgette Neal
San Francisco Paralegal Association



- 2007 Kaye Mullinax, AACP, RP

Association Pro Bono Award

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

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