

# 2010 *Celebrate Success*



## *Call for Nominations*

*NFPA - The Leader of the Paralegal Profession®*



### 2010 Nominations

#### Award Categories

Join other paralegals in a celebration of excellence in our profession. In October 2010, 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 9, 2010 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Philadelphia-Cherry Hill, Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

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](http://www.paralegals.org).*

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

### William R. Robie Leadership Award

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

### PACE Ambassador Award

2009 Michael P. Wallace, RP

*"Being recognized as NFPA's PACE Ambassador of the Year for 2008-2009 was an amazing honor. When I look at the winners that have come before me I am truly honored to be a part of that group. They are the best of the best!!!!"*

Michael P. Wallace, RP  
Central Connecticut Paralegal Association



2008 K. Paezle' Harris, RP, CLA  
2007 Deborah K. Neale, RP  
2006 Kathleen K. Miller, RP  
2005 San Francisco Paralegal Association  
2004 Ann Price, RP

### Individual Pro Bono Award

2009 Beth Wilkins

*I was deeply honored and humbled to receive the Individual Pro Bono Award last fall. Not only was this a gracious affirmation of my pro bono estate planning for the elderly, but was also a wonderful opportunity to share the cash award with the Boulder Shelter...*

Beth Wilkins  
Rocky Mountain Paralegal Association



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

**Judging criteria and nominations procedures are available at**

[www.paralegals.org](http://www.paralegals.org)

**Deadline July 8, 2010**

### NFPA Outstanding Leader Award

2009 Patricia Gagnon, RP

*I was honored to be the recipient of the 2009 NFPA Outstanding Local Leader Award. It was such a nice expression of support from my local association ...*

Patricia Gagnon, RP  
Central Connecticut Paralegal Association



2008 Renee Mazzeo  
2007 Valerie A. Dolan, RP  
2006 Robert S. Hrouda, RP  
2005 Lourdes Bugarin

### NFPA Paralegal of the Year

2009 Debra Hindin-King  
2008 Cynthia Quinn  
2007 Legalman First Class Marcelo A. Carrillo  
2006 Edna M. Wallace, RP  
2005 Michele Boerder

### NFPA/Thomson Reuters Scholarships

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  
2005 Christy Alia and Sharon Helgeson

### PACE Scholarship

2009 Kelley D. Kolibaba  
2008 Georgette Neal  
2007 Kaye Mullinax, AACP, RP

### Association Pro Bono Award

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