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## **NATIONAL FEDERATION OF PARALEGAL ASSOCIATIONS (NFPA®) ANNOUNCES 2014 CERTIFICATION AMBASSADOR AWARD WINNER**

Edmonds, WA – November 2014 - The National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. (“NFPA”) is pleased to announce that Janet Wilson Williams, RP®, has been selected as the NFPA 2014 Certification Ambassador winner.

NFPA’s Certification Ambassador Award recognizes outstanding achievement in promotion of the PACE® and PCCE™ programs.

Ms. Janet Williams completed her paralegal studies at the National Center for Paralegal Training, an ABA-approved paralegal program, in Atlanta Georgia in 1993. In 2008, she earned her Registered Paralegal (RP®) designation by passing NFPA’s Paralegal Advanced Competency Examination (PACE®). Ms. Williams shared her journey to earning her designation by writing an article which was published in the *National Paralegal Reporter* in the February/March 2010 issue. In 2013, she earned a Human Resources Management certificate at the University of Georgia.

Ms. Williams has been an officer of the Georgia Association of Paralegals (GAP) since 2011, starting as the Paralegal Core Competency Exam (PCCE™) Coordinator, and, since 2012, serves as GAP’s spokesperson for certification as the Director of Paralegal Certification. She began leading the PCCE™/PACE® certification groups in 2011, which she continues today. She gathers candidates, often calling on them to participate, as well as study materials, ideas, and paralegal practice tips, and shares these with other NFPA Certification Ambassadors. She also has secured sponsors for annual PACE® and PCCE™ scholarships for GAP members, and in 2014, planned and hosted a luncheon for all Georgia CRPs and RPs. It is her focus to market and promote both exams to all paralegals. She also maintains a network of Registered Paralegals in Georgia and serves as a mentor and advisor to paralegals of all levels.

Ms. Williams’ leadership in GAP as Director of Paralegal Certification helped GAP win four NFPA awards in 2013, including the President’s PACE Challenge, the President’s PCCE Challenge, the Most New RP’s in 2013, and the Most New CRP’s in 2013, as well as the President’s Challenge for PCCE and PACE in 2014.

Ms. Williams has been employed as a paralegal since 1990 in the area of commercial finance and commercial real estate. For the past nine years, she has worked as a paralegal to Michael J. Hay, Esq. at the law office Andersen Tate & Carr, P.C. in Duluth, Georgia.

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