



## **Your NFPA® Membership**

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Dear New Member:

Congratulations on joining your local paralegal association! As a member of your local association you are also a member of the National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. (“NFPA®”). We invite you to take advantage of the many opportunities and benefits which come along with your membership in NFPA. This letter serves to provide you with some information regarding benefits and opportunities available through NFPA.

NFPA is the Leader of the Paralegal Profession®. As such, NFPA continues to represent paralegals nationally by researching and analyzing issues that affect the paralegal profession; monitoring legislative actions and proposed court changes; and working closely with other national legal associations, including the American Bar Association (ABA), the American Association for Paralegal Education (AAfPE) and the International Paralegal Management Association (IPMA). NFPA supports the growth and expansion of the paralegal profession by addressing educational issues for practicing paralegals and paralegal students. NFPA offers on-line continuing legal education courses for legal professionals, as well as courses of study to prepare for the Paralegal Advanced Competency Exam (PACE) and the Paralegal Core Competency Exam (PCCE). Membership in NFPA allows you to utilize these educational opportunities and purchase study materials at a discounted fee.

NFPA has invested significant resources to assist you in becoming a credentialed paralegal. NFPA has offered the Paralegal Advanced Competency Exam (PACE®) to test the competency of experienced paralegals for more than a decade. NFPA also offers a credentialing examination geared toward entry-level and early-career paralegals - the Paralegal CORE Competency (PCC™) exam.

Your membership in NFPA is an invitation to network with other paralegals, to stay abreast of proceedings affecting our profession, and to become involved in advancing the paralegal profession. As a member of your local association and NFPA, you have the opportunity to serve in leadership positions such as a board member, coordinator or member of a committee, thereby providing you first-hand opportunities to foster, promote and develop the profession.

NFPA holds annual conferences that members may attend at a reduced rate. These conferences include NFPA's Regulation Conference, Leadership Training Conference and Certification Ambassadors Conference. Attending any of these NFPA conferences offers tremendous networking and learning opportunities for you and your local association. The costs of travel are at the expense of the member and/or local association.

Next, your membership allows you to attend the NFPA Annual Convention at a reduced rate. You can discuss with your local association the possibility of serving as the association's primary or secondary delegate to NFPA or attending the annual Convention as an observer.

Your membership also includes a subscription to NFPA's regular publication, *National Paralegal Reporter*®, which contains feature articles of interest, case law updates, NFPA happenings and profiles of local association members, like you. You also have the opportunity to communicate and network with colleagues through NFPA's discussion boards and to receive discounts with various vendors and organizations. NFPA also provides low-cost webinars on a variety of topics. This is an excellent opportunity to earn CLE credit at an affordable rate. Visit the NFPA website at [www.paralegals.org](http://www.paralegals.org) regularly to see the current webinar offerings and be sure to check out our great list of previously recorded webinars, as well.

The NFPA Member Benefits Coordinator and the NFPA website can provide information on benefits such as discounts for flowers, car rentals and hotels, Dell products, national theme parks, department store discounts, software programs, insurance and many other benefits. As a member of NFPA, you can also make suggestions for additional benefits which the NFPA Member Benefits Coordinator will research to locate viable options and vendors. Therefore, the potential benefits to membership in NFPA are endless.

You are a valued member of your local association and NFPA. We encourage you to take an active role in both your associations. You are the eyes and ears of our profession. Without your participation we are unable to accomplish all that we do. For more information on NFPA, the benefits of membership in NFPA, and to start networking with your colleagues around the nation, please visit our website at [www.paralegals.org](http://www.paralegals.org). There is a "Members Only" section of NFPA's website just for you. Be sure to give your local association time to advise us of your membership before logging on. You'll need to create a password – after clicking on "Sign In" and entering your email address, select "I need a new password." One will be sent to you via the email you've given your local association. After logging in, you can select "Change your preferences" and easily change your password. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Sincerely,

The NFPA Board of Directors