

## WILLIAM R. ROBIE LEADERSHIP AWARD

**Purpose:** This award recognizes an 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.

**Nomination Process:** Any NFPA member association may nominate a voting, student or affiliate member of an NFPA member association for the Robie Award. The nomination shall be accompanied by a letter/letters of nomination from the nominating association's president and/or other individuals and contain the following information:

- Information that confirms the candidate is a voting, student or affiliate member of an NFPA member association, which must be in good standing.
- A description of the following qualities:
  - Dedication to the paralegal profession
  - Service to the legal community
  - Leadership
  - Participation in the NFPA member association's work
  - Positive attitude toward paralegal education either by service on an advisory board, as an instructor in a paralegal program, or as a speaker in a continuing education project; and
- Information that confirms the candidate has created a lasting legacy to the paralegal profession through some distinct contribution(s).

Supporting documents shall be provided (e.g. newspaper articles, CLE programs).

**Eligibility/Criteria for Selection:** Any NFPA member association may sponsor an association member for the award. The nominee need not be a member of the nominating association but must be a member of an NFPA association. Currently serving NFPA Board Members, including the NFPA Board Advisor, are not eligible for this award. Nominees cannot be a vendor, full-time legal educator, lawyer or sustaining member of NFPA.

The award recipient will have demonstrated dedication to the paralegal profession; service to the legal community; leadership; participation in association work; a positive attitude toward paralegal education either by service on an advisory board, as an instructor in a paralegal program, or as a speaker in a continuing education program; and have made a lasting legacy to the paralegal profession through some distinct contribution(s).

Judges, at their sole discretion, will determine the award recipient based on the criteria set forth in the Nominations Procedure.

**Award Presentation:** The award is a commemorative plaque.