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THOMSON WEST AND THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF PARALEGAL ASSOCIATIONS, INC. ANNOUNCE WINNERS OF 2007 SCHOLARSHIPS

Winners of the two annual NFPA/West scholarships funded were honored at the 2007 Convention of the National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. (NFPA) held in Tampa, FL, October 18-21, 2007. Christine J. Renda of Duquesne University – Paralegal Institute, Pittsburgh, PA was awarded the second place \$1,500 scholarship, and Erika K. Ponte, a resident of Poughkeepsie, NY and a paralegal studies student at Marist College received the first place scholarship of \$3,500 from Thomson West.

As part of the competition, each applicant wrote an essay relating to how issues of networking, technology, profits to lawyer's practice and the value of paralegals fit into expanding the paralegal profession. The applicants were also judged by representatives of the NFPA Advisory Board on their academic records, extra-curricular activities, and recommendations from professors and/or work supervisors. Letters of recommendation for each of the recipients cited their analytical ability and willingness to go above and beyond to complete projects in a superior manner.

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