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## **2007 ROBIE LEADERSHIP AWARD DEDICATED TO SAN FRANCISCO PARALEGAL**

The National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. (NFPA) has selected Andrea Lupanze, RP, posthumously, as the recipient of the organization's 2007 William R. Robie Leadership Award. The award, sponsored by CT, was presented at NFPA's Annual Convention in Tampa, FL, October 18-21, 2007. Ms. Lupanze was a career paralegal, a colleague, friend and someone who touched so many individuals who shared her passion for the profession.

NFPA established the award in 1993 to honor the memory of the late Chief Immigration Judge William R. Robie for his dedication to the expansion of legal services and equal access to justice for all Americans and his commitment to the paralegal profession. The winner of the annual award must have made a lasting legacy through his or her contributions to the community and the paralegal profession.

Among her many accomplishments, Andrea received her paralegal certificate in 1993 from the City College of San Francisco. After working for a general practice firm for several years in San Francisco, Andrea packed up her home in 1997 and moved across the country to Washington, DC for an exciting life in the Nation's capital. Andrea has a passion for the environment and found time to donate her time to working with pro bono cases, participated in elementary school environmental classes, regularly spoke on the paralegal profession and authored articles for numerous publications.

Ms. Lupanze served as the NFPA Coordinator for the Foundation for the Advancement of the Paralegal Profession and dedicated herself to the annual charity "Lawyers Have a Heart."

To summarize Andrea's view of her profession, a colleague shared the following "She loved being a career paralegal. Moreover, her love for being a career paralegal made promoting the paralegal profession that much easier. I didn't even know there was such a term – career paralegal- until I met Andrea. Does an attorney say she is a career attorney? Of course not. I now understand what it means. We put 200% into our jobs as paralegals and I think Andrea did that twofold...on the job, off the job, wherever she was." Andrea Lupanze, RP was a credit to the paralegal profession and she leaves a void that will not easily be filled, if ever.

NFPA is a non-profit professional organization representing more than 11,000 paralegals and is headquartered in Edmonds, WA. NFPA's core purpose is the *advancement of the paralegal profession*. NFPA promotes a global presence for the paralegal profession and leadership in the legal community.

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