

NIPA Application for Membership

2002 – 2003

New Renewal



Membership Categories (Please check one):

- _____ Voting Membership - \$60.00
Any person currently employed as a paralegal, legal assistant or any equivalent position and/or who performs paralegal duties as their primary work activity.
- _____ Associate Membership - \$50.00
1. Any person who has recently graduated from a formal course of study, the completion of which such person is qualified to be employed as a paralegal
 2. Any person whose primary responsibilities and job classification shall be other than those set forth in Section 3.02(a) and who does not fall within subsection 3.02(b)(1), but who shall perform paralegal duties on a limited basis; and
 3. Any person previously employed as a paralegal or equivalent position, subject to approval of the Board and Membership Committee.
- _____ Sustaining Membership - \$75.00
Any person, partnership or association or other entity interested in supporting NIPA
- _____ Student Membership - \$30.00
Any person who is enrolled in a formal course of study, upon the completion of which such person would be qualified to be employed as a paralegal.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION EXACTLY AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR IN OUR MEMBERSHIP RECORDS AND IN THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY. THANK YOU.

NAME: _____ EMPLOYER: _____
HOME ADDRESS: _____ BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ CITY: _____
STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ - _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ - _____
HOME PHONE: () _____ BUSINESS PHONE: () _____
FAX: () _____
E-MAIL: _____
COURTHOUSE BOX: _____ JOB TITLE: _____

SEND MAIL TO MY: OFFICE HOME
PLEASE REMOVE MY NAME FROM PURCHASED MAIL LIST: YES NO

VOTING MEMBERS ONLY COMPLETE THIS SECTION:

EMPLOYMENT STATUS: FULL TIME PART TIME PERMANENT TEMP
YEARS EMPLOYED AS PARALEGAL: _____ PRIMARY AREA OF LAW: _____

PLEASE NOTE THAT YOUR SUPERVISING ATTORNEY'S SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS APPLICATION FORM. FAILURE TO OBTAIN THE AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE MAY BE CAUSE FOR MEMBERSHIP REFUSAL.

STUDENTS PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION:

SCHOOL ATTENDING: _____ GRADUATION DATE: _____

PLEASE CHECK THOSE COMMITTEES YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN WORKING WITH:

- MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER FUNDRAISING EDUCATION PUBLIC RELATIONS
- ADVERTISING SCHOLARSHIP OTHER _____

AT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD MARCH 12, 1996 THE FOLLOWING DEFINITION OF THE TERM "PARALEGAL" WAS ADOPTED:

"A paralegal/legal assistant is a person qualified through education, training and/or work experience to perform substantive legal work that requires knowledge of legal concepts and is customarily performed by an attorney. This person may be retained or employed by a lawyer, law office, governmental agency, or other entity, or is authorized by administrative, statutory or court authority to perform this work. The work performed by this person shall be under the ultimate supervision of an attorney."

THE ABOVE-NAMED INDIVIDUAL MEETS ALL CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP AS A VOTING MEMBER BASED ON THE *NORTHEAST INDIANA PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION'S* OF A PARALEGAL AS SET FORTH ABOVE.

SUPERVISING ATTORNEY'S SIGNATURE

PRINTED NAME

MEMBERSHIP YEAR IS JULY 1 THROUGH JUNE 30. NIPA IS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF PARALEGAL ASSOCIATIONS, INC. (NFPA) BY VIRTUE OF YOUR JOINING NIPA, YOU ARE A MEMBER OF NFPA, WHICH IS THE OLDEST NATIONAL PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION IN THE U.S., REPRESENTING OVER 17,000 PARALEGALS. NFPA PROVIDES AN EFFECTIVE MEANS OF COMMUNICATING ISSUES OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE AND SERVES AS A UNIFIED VOICE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROFESSION.

BY BECOMING A MEMBER IN THIS ASSOCIATION, \$20 OF YOUR DUES (\$15 FOR STUDENT MEMBERS) IS FORWARDED TO NFPA FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN NFPA, OF WHICH \$4 PAYS FOR YOUR *NATIONAL PARALEGAL REPORTER* SUBSCRIPTION. THIS IS A SUBSTANTIAL SAVINGS COMPARED TO NFPA'S INDIVIDUAL SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP DUES OF \$75. MEMBERSHIP CARDS, A PERSONALIZED CERTIFICATE, AND INFORMATION WILL BE SENT WITHIN 4-6 WEEKS OF RECEIPT OF THIS APPLICATION.

DUES ARE NONREFUNDABLE. DUES PAYMENT MAY BE DEDUCTIBLE BY MEMBERS AS AN ORDINARY AND NECESSARY BUSINESS EXPENSE, BUT ARE NOT DEDUCTIBLE AS CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAX PURPOSES.

MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO: **NORTHEAST INDIANA PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION**
PLEASE MAIL TO: SUSAN BISHOP, TREASURER
 DELAWARE INVESTMENTS – 3C07
 1300 SOUTH CLINTON STREET
 FORT WAYNE IN 46802

ALL NIPA MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO READ AND ABIDE BY THE NFPA MODEL CODE OF ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES. I HEREBY AFFIRM THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

DATED: _____ APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: _____