

## **NFPA Provides CLE Opportunities to Local Members**

In keeping with one of their core values, NFPA has partnered with various organizations in order to offer a broad range of online learning options to their 11,000 paralegal members nationwide. NFPA believes that one of the key components to advancing the profession is to have well-educated paralegals who are keeping their skills current and continuing to expand upon their legal knowledge.

To help paralegals obtain the continuing legal education (CLE) they need, NFPA – through alliances with various educators – has posted to their website a variety of courses and workshops on topics that may not be offered in our local area. Online courses allow paralegals to update their skills without leaving the office, decreasing both travel expenses and missed time from work. Further, many of the online seminars are pre-approved for NFPA credits (required for maintenance of the RP status) and are offered at a reduced cost through your NFPA membership.

Via registration from their website, NFPA is currently offering an e-discovery seminar. As described on their site, this “fourteen-day seminar [is] intended to provide the litigation paralegal with a basic understanding of e-Discovery and the processes involved in the preservation, collection, and production of electronic data so they can make informed decisions when assigned to a case involving computer forensics or eDocs.” The seminar is broken down into manageable units, having specific learning goals in each section.

CLE offerings include both short workshops and longer, in-depth courses. Topics vary from family law, intellectual property, and HIPPA to legal writing and ethics. For paralegals interested in taking PACE, NFPA offers a review course through the American Institute of Paralegal Studies (AIPS). The course covers the five domains of the exam: administration of client legal matters, development of client legal matters, factual and legal research, factual and legal writing, and office administration. The PACE Study Manual is provided upon registration and a mock PACE exam is given at the end of the course.

In a recent report to the boards of member organizations, NFPA described their January workshops as “well attended.” Their CLE Co-Coordinator are continuing to negotiate additional courses and workshops.

Visit NFPA’s home page at [www.paralegals.org](http://www.paralegals.org) to learn more, or to register for one of their programs.