



# CENTRAL FLORIDA PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION, INC.

## DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY & BIOGRAPHY

I, **ROGER SMITH**, am an active member in good standing of the Central Florida Paralegal Association, Inc. (CFPA), and do hereby declare myself a candidate for the office of **DIRECTOR 1** for the 2018 term. I have been a member of CFPA since 2014.

### **BRIEF BACKGROUND/INTRO/EDUCATION/CERTIFICATIONS:**

Columbus College – Basic and Intermediate Law Enforcement – 1977-78  
Georgia Bureau of Investigation Academy (Peace Officer Standards Training) - 1978  
Georgia Military College – 1979-81 -  
Tallahassee State College – 1987-  
Florida State University – 1997-98  
Florida State University Center for Professional Development - Certified Public Manager 1998

### **Brief Employment/Experience (Current & Past):**

Over 38 years in insurance claims, investigative, governmental and public sector litigation management. I have been a paralegal and case manager in coverage areas including 1983, ADA, F.C.R., construction, Governmental and Public Safety, negligent security, property, personal injury, premises and professional liability, wrongful death, trucking and transportation and sovereign immunity from claim to mediation and trial resolution. I currently act as the operations director for the Orlando office of the firm, with duties including information technology, human resources, facility management and senior litigation paralegal to the managing shareh older and lead trial counsel.

Consultant with Bristol Motor Speedway and Dragway, a division of Speedway Motorsports, Inc. and as consultant to sister companies within the organization.

### **Previous offices held, committee membership or other service with CFPA:**

CFPA Board of Directors 2016.

### **Other qualifications for office:**

I bring vast experience in organization, structure, management, assisted with firm presentations, CLE and marketing events, I am involved in community educational outreach programs, including FLREA, firm advisory committee, operations director for the Orlando office.

### **Why this applicant should be selected for the office:**

As a business professional with management and corporate responsibilities, past experience in both organizational development, and business development, I have developed and bring to the association professional, personal and social skills, an attitude of inclusion of the membership body individually and collectively, and strategic and analytical, development and planning skills with a focus on the continued success of preservation, growth and development of the association into the future.

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