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October 8, 2026

Mark Your Calendars!

- **October 8, 2026:** NFPA Candidate Q&A
- **October 20, 2026:** Virtual Annual Policy Meeting
- **November 2, 2026:** API PACE Session
- **November 2, 2026:** API PCCE Session
- **November 4, 2026:** Wellness Webinar - Mindfulness for Paralegals
- **December 2, 2026:** Wellness Webinar - Mindfulness During the Holidays

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Save The Date: 2026 Virtual Policy Meeting

The 2026 NFPA Virtual Annual Policy meeting will be held Tuesday, October 20, 2026 at 7:00 PM CT. **Registration is now open**!

Materials for the meeting have been posted to the **Annual Policy Meeting webpage**.

All Voting Member Associations will need to submit the Credential Request Letter. The Credential Request Letter is requested annually for the Policy Meeting. The Credential Request Letter that was submitted for the 2026 Non-Annual Policy Meeting was only valid for that meeting. The credentialing deadline has been extended to **October 12, 2026**.

Please Note: Submitting a credential letter does not register you to attend the policy meeting, that process must be done separately.

Upcoming Deadlines:

- **October 12:** Credentialing Deadline - updates on Local Association credentialed representatives due to their respective region director
- **October 20:** Virtual Policy Meeting and announcement of election winners

If you have any questions, please reach out to **secretary@paralegals.org** or **info@paralegals.org**.

Policy Meeting Registration

Save The Date: NFPA 2027 Annual Convention



Thank you to the 140+ paralegal professionals, students, and legal industry partners from across the country who joined us for our 2026 Annual Convention!

It was a pleasure connecting with you and we hope you found your time in Bloomington to be educational, engaging and fun.

We're already looking forward to next year's Convention, which will take place September 23-25, 2027, at the Marriot St. Louis Grand in St. Louis, Missouri.

Congratulations To This Year's NFPA Award and Scholarship Winners

The NFPA annual awards and scholarships recognize excellence in individual paralegals and paralegal associations; demonstrate to the community the strengths and commitment of professional paralegals; and confirm NFPA's position as *The Leader of the Paralegal Profession*®.

2026 NFPA AWARD & SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

- Student Scholarship - **Daniela Vega**
- Individual Pro Bono - **Laura Timm, CP, Pa.C.P.**
- Outstanding Local Leader - **Louise Reese**
- William R. Robie Leadership - **Patricia Meagher, MnCP**
- Paralegal of the Year - **Jodi Hilbert**

Read Daniela Vega's submitted essay for the Student Scholarship!



The NFPA Paralegal Wellness Committee would like to remind everyone that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a time to increase awareness, support those affected by breast cancer, and emphasize the importance of early detection.

Please speak with your healthcare provider about recommended breast cancer screenings and take an active role in prioritizing your health.

PCCE® and PACE® Practice

This month's question is:

Tom is injured using a widget manufactured by ABC Corporation. Tom's attorney learns that ABC Corporation dissolved last year. Tom has filed his claim within the appropriate statute of limitations. What remedy, if any, may be available to Tom?

A. Tom is out of luck; ABC Corporation is gone and there is no one to sue.

B. He could determine if another company or corporation acquired the right to manufacture the widgets and then sue them.

C. Sue the directors of ABC Corporation as they had a fiduciary responsibility to Tom.

D. File a claim with the Securities and Exchange Commission requesting that the shareholders pay his claim.

September Practice Answer!

Forcing a party to enter into a contract under fear of threats is called:

A. deception

B. undue influence

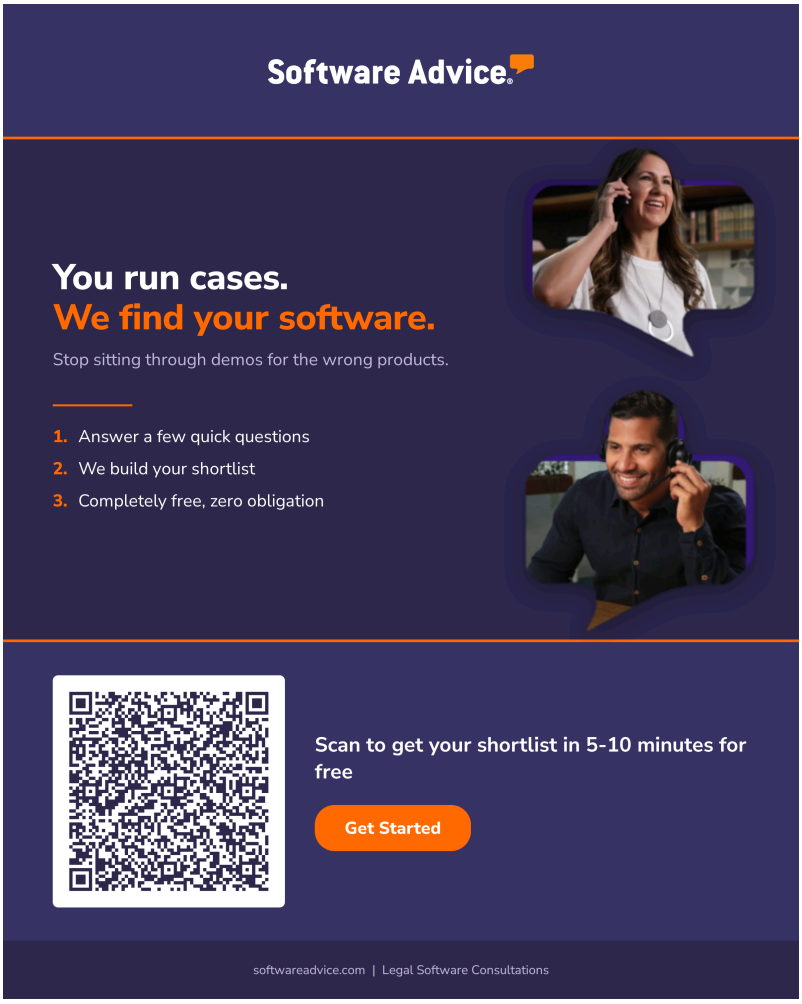
C. duress

D. novation

The correct answer is...

The correct answer is C (Duress).

In order for there to be a valid contract, the parties must act freely. If one of the parties is forced to make the contract by violence or the threat of violence, that is duress, and renders the contract voidable. The remaining answers are incorrect because A) deception is not a physical threat; B) undue influence looks like a good choice, but that usually entails psychological domination by an advisor which results in an excessive benefit to the advisor; and D) novation has nothing to do with the question.



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Explore Your Membership Benefits

Take your Paralegal Career to the Next Level with API (Co-Sponsored with NFPA)

Join Us For Our Next PACE or PCCE Sessions on Nov. 2



The Advanced Paralegal Institute (API), in conjunction with NFPA, offers online Advanced Specialty Certificates in the following areas:

1. Intellectual Property
2. Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution
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4. Elder Law
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Register now for a course or for the advanced specialty certificate.

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“The 7-week Advanced Paralegal Institute (“API”) review course is a must for any paralegal wanting to sit for the Paralegal Advanced Competency Exam (“PACE”).” - Chantell

“It was pleasure working with Wendy Fuller, my PCCE review course instructor. She was extremely helpful and patient with me. This was my first online class and I really enjoyed it.” - Cicero

Register now for PACE or PCCE today!

The next sessions begin on November 2.

- **PACE - Nov. 2**
- **PCCE - Nov. 2**

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