



Illinois Paralegal Association **RP® and PACE® NEWS BLAST**

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Here are current **Hot Topics** and **Reminders** for PACE Registered Paralegals® and Paralegals interested in taking PACE®! News contained in this BLAST relayed from NFPA is reprinted with permission from NFPA. Please call me at 847-404-7449 or contact me at PACE@jpaonline.org with any questions.

Kathi Heller, IPA's PACE® Ambassador

WHAT'S NEW WITH RP's?

CONGRATULATIONS – Sheryl A. Brongiel and Beverly P. VanDan on passing PACE® IPA to be recognized in Portland!

We congratulate and recognize this major professional accomplishment! With your efforts IPA met NFPA's President's Challenge to its member associations nationwide to have at least 2 paralegal members take and pass PACE®. Salute! IPA will be one of those associations recognized at NFPA's Annual Meeting in Portland, Oregon –Thank YOU!

NFPA's RP Listserv is dedicated to the PACE Registered Paralegals®

RP's can use this listserv as a format for networking, to find answers to work projects, and share ideas with each other. There is a special link to sign up on NFPA's homepage. It is on the right hand side, under the 3-newsletter link. It will remain up for a limited time and then be relocated to the page where you sign up for other listservs offered by NFPA.

RP's - Don't Forget to Maintain Your RP Status = 12 CLE's Every 2 Years

If you missed renewing or have questions about your RP® status, please contact NFPA Headquarters. You can also check your wallet-sized RP® card. If you have questions on how many CLE's and the fee that you will owe to come current, please contact Ann Price, RP® at vpdp@paralegals.org. Check the NFPA website (www.paralegals.org) for a listing of interesting Classes!

WHAT'S NEW WITH PACE?

PACE® Study Manual and Handbook - PRICE INCREASES

NFPA does not have control of the price of publications, which is at the discretion of the publishing company. Current Prices:

- PACE® Study Manual, \$77.40, plus shipping and handling. PACE® Handbook (application), \$25.80.
- A Discount of 10% is available if you purchase both the Manual and Handbook together.

Proper Use of PACE Registration Marks

In response to many inquiries about the proper use of "RP" and "PACE Registered Paralegal" and the registration mark, NFPA has advised that you can use either RP® or PACE Registered Paralegal® and not both. Using both is not necessary. Both of these terms are registered as is the mark PACE® by itself, which the Patent and Trademark Office recently approved.

OTHER REMINDERS

AIPS PACE Review Course – Last Course 2009 begins November 2, 2009

- 2009 – Last Course begins November 2, 2009
- 2010 – Offers 7 CLASSES! Jan 18, Mar 8, Apr 19, Jun 7, Jul 19, Sept 13, Oct 18.



The course price remains \$395. Registration is through NFPA's website. AIPS also offers CLE's for paralegals. You do not have to be an RP to take a CLE class. Classes opened to all paralegals are an easy way to expand or refresh!

PACE Study Listserv

NFPA's PACE Study Listserv is available to anyone studying for PACE – It's a great way to pool questions / ideas and benefit from each other! PACE Study Listserv is monitored by the PACE Coordinators. Sign up is easy . . .

- Send an email to > imailsrv@list.paralegals.org
- In the message BODY (**not** the subject line), type > subscribe (the listserv name) (Your First Name) (Your Last Name) Example: subscribe PACEStudy Vickie Smith
- To send a message out on the list serve, use the following e-mail address: PACEStudy@list.paralegals.org.