



Illinois Paralegal Association
PACE NEWS BLAST
JUNE – JULY 2009

Here's the **Summer Hot Topics** for NFPA Registered Paralegals / Paralegals interested in becoming an RP!
If you have any questions or are interested in a Study Group/Study Partner, please contact me at PACE@ipaonline.org or call me at 847-404-7449.

Kathi Heller, IPA's PACE Ambassador

CONGRATULATIONS!!! BEVERLY P. VANDAN, *Illinois newest RP!*

Beverly was one of the 24 applicants who passed PACE between October 08 and March 09



Summer's here – any free time? Taking a CLE to maintain RP status or studying for the PACE credential is a PLUS! CLE's and NFPA's Paralegal Advanced Competency Exam offer you a chance to expand your knowledge while toning up your current skills. A position in a new specialty could be an opportunity for you and NFPA's PACE credential could be a great asset!

1. RP Status and CLE's

The Amnesty Renewal Period is over. 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 CLEs and the fee that you will owe to come current, please contact Ann Price, RP at vpdp@paralegals.org.

The NFPA website offers a listing of interesting Classes to earn your CLE's! Check www.paralegals.org or AIPS (American Institute for Paralegal Studies) at www.americanparalegal.edu. Other on-line vendors (including IPE and West) are offering many courses to help you remain current with your CLE's – at a time convenient for you!

2. Scholarships

Need funding for CLE's?? Win a \$1,000.00 Scholarship. Submit your application and 1 page Essay on **"How your paralegal education contributed to your success as a legal professional"** - **by Friday, August 9, 2009** to the awards@paralegalmanagement.org. This award is sponsored by Terese A. "Teri" Cannon Education Scholarship program. The criteria and application are attached. Teri will be presenting an advanced ethics class at NFPA's annual conference in Oregon in October 2009.

PACE Scholarship – Pearson Publishing Company's PACE Scholarship includes the PACE on-line review course, PACE Study Manual, the application and exam fees! **Deadline to apply is July 31, 2009.** Award will be presented at the annual NFPA Meeting in Oregon. Winner has one year to take the exam. Information and application process are at <http://www.paralegals.org/associations/2270/files/2007revised%20award%20award%20procedures%20FINAL.pdf>.

3. AIPS PACE Review Course – JULY 20th is Next Registration

Other 2009 Dates: • September 8, 2009 • October 19, 2009 • November 2, 2009

The course price remains at \$395. Registration is through NFPA's website, by clicking on the PACE link. In addition, AIPS also offers CLE's for paralegals. You do not have to be an RP to take a CLE class. The classes are opened to all paralegals – it's an easy way to learn about another area of law / take a refresher class - less time!

4. 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 or help others! 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.

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